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THE SYNOD OF NORTH CAROLINA met according to adjournment, in its Sixty-Eighth Annual Session, in the First Presbyterian Church, Salisbury, N. C., Wednesday, November 2nd, 1881, at 7 P. M.

The opening sermon was preached by the Moderator, Rev. J. Henry Smith, D. D., on Acts, xx:20, 21: "And how I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, but have shewed you, and have taught you publicly, and from house to house. Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Synod was then constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

The Stated Clerk, from the Committee of Enrollment, presented the Roll of the Synod as far as completed, and other members were enrolled.

The following members were present during the session of the Synod:

I.—PRESBYTERY OF ORANGE.

MINISTERS.	RULING ELDERS.	CHURCHES.
ROBERT BURWELL,		
T. U. FAUCETTE,		
P. H. DALTON,	*M. Shaw*,	High Point.
	Leroy Craig,	New Hope.
J. H. SMITH, D. D.,		
D. E. JORDAN,		

[The figure after a name denotes the day on which a member took his seat.]

Roll of Synod.

MINISTERS.	RULING ELDERS.	CHURCHES.
J. C. ALEXANDER,	*J. C. Cannon*, (2)	Buffalo.
	Thomas Rankin,	Bethel.
W. B. TIDBALL,		
L. C. VASS,		
J. W. PRIMROSE,		
H. T. DARNALL,		
C. MILLER,		
T. J. ALLISON,	*D. F. Morrow*,	Bethlehem.
J. L. CURRIE,	*T. H. Hughes*,	Eno.
S. M. SMITH,	*C. M. Brown*,	Washington.
P. R. LAW,		
A. M. WATSON,		
GEORGE SUMMEY.	*Robert Hanner*,	Graham.
17	*J. C. Tate*,	Cross Roads.
	A. M. McPheeters. (3)	First, Raleigh.
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II.—PRESBYTERY OF CONCORD.

MINISTERS.	RULING ELDERS.	CHURCHES.
E. F. ROCKWELL,	*P. B. Kennedy*, (2)	Tabor.
P. T. PENICK,		
B. L. BEALL, (2)	*R. L. Beall*, (2)	Lenoir.
A. L. CRAWFORD,	*R. Sterling*,	Mocksville.
	E. McNeely, (2)	Bethesda.
	J. D. Johnson,	Third Creek.
W. A. WOOD, D. D.,	*W. F. Hall*, (2)	Statesville,
J. RUMPLE,	*J. J. Summerell*,	Salisbury.

Of the Presbytery of Orange, the following Ministers were absent: G. W. Ferrill, Drury Lacy, D. D., A. Currie, J. M. Atkinson, D. D., F. H. Johnston, C. N. Morrow, Chas. Phillips, D. D., C. H. Wiley, D. D., J. S. Watkins, D. I. Craig, L. H. Baldwin. (11)

The following Churches were not represented: Oakland, Geneva, Milton, Red-House, Second Raleigh, Jamestown, Greensboro, Winston, Henderson, Nutbush, Hawfields, Alamance, Stony-Creek, Newbern, Oxford, Grassy-Creek, Shiloh, Durham, Madison, Wentworth, Leaksville, Mebaneville, Chapel Hill, Little River, Pittsboro, Haywood, Mt. Vernon, Calah, Reidsville, Oak Forest, Bethesda, Lexington, Ashboro, Company Shops, Mt. Airy, Hilisboro, Tarboro, Rocky Mount, Littleton, Nahalah, Oak Hill, Springwood, Yanceyville, Fairfield, Oregon, Grlers, Elkin, Speedwell, Louisburg, Horeb, Warrenton. (51)

Roll of Synod.

MINISTERS.	RULING ELDERS.	CHURCHES.
R. B. ANDERSON,	*E. A. Perkins*,	Morganton.
	D. B. Gaither,	Newton.
J. H. COLTON,		
L. MCKINNON,		
T. G. THURSTON,	*E. M. Stevenson*, (2)	Taylorsville.
	A. H. Matheson, (2)	Wilkesborough.
	H. C. Hamilton,	Hickory.
J. M. WHAREY,	*Thos. L. Martin*,	Rocky River.
J. H THORNWELL.	*M. L. Barnhardt*,	Norwood.
R. W. BOYD,	*E. Rice*,	Unity.
	J. A. Kluttz,	Franklin.
P. P. WINN, (3)		
J. A. RAMSEY,	*J. B. Gibson*,	Thyatira.
	Moses Lingle,	Back Creek.
J. N. H. SUMMERELL,	*I. N. Pharr*,	Poplar Tent.
16	*R. A. Alexander*,	Centre.
	C. M B. Goodnight,	Bethphage.
	D. A. Sloop,	Prospect.
	W. E. Hall,	Fifth Creek.
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III.—PRESBYTERY OF FAYETTEVILLE.

MINISTERS.	RULING ELDERS.	CHURCHES.
J. P. MCPHERSON,		
G. M. GIBBS,		
MARTIN MCQUEEN,		
S. C. ALEXANDER,		

Of the Presbytery of Concord, the following Ministers were absent: T. P. Johnston, T. N. Paxton, P. M. Custer, Wm. W. Pharr, A. D. Hepburn, D. D., J. W. Davis, L. K. Glasgow, F. P. Harrell. (8)

The following Churches were not represented: Bethany, Marion, Siloam, Mooresville, Davidson College, Concord, Bethel, Zion, Shiloh, Clio, Concord (Iredell), Salem. (12)

Of the Presbytery of Fayetteville, the following Ministers were absent: H. McLean, E. McNair, D. D., N. McKay, D. D., A. McMillan, D. D. McBryde, N. T. Bowden, A. McQueen, J. H. Coble, D. Fairley. (9)

The following Churches were not represented: Lebanon, Bethesda, Lumber-Bridge, Salem, Long Street, Tirza, Flat Branch, McPherson's, Cypress, Bluff, Sardis, Sherwood, Carthage, Union, Cameron, Harmony, Mt. Carmel, Rockingham, Mark's

Roll of Synod.

MINISTERS.	RULING ELDERS.	CHURCHES.
JAMES MCQUEEN, (3)		
JOSEPH EVANS,		
H. G. HILL, D. D.,	*S. C. Rankin*,	Fayetteville.
A. N. FERGUSON, (2)		
K. M. MCINTYRE,		
WM. S. LACY,	*E. McGilvary*,	Buffalo.
ROGER MARTIN,	*Gilbert Patterson*.	Centre.
D. A. MCRAE,		
12	*Hiram Conoly*,	Antioch.
	D. McCallum,	Philadelphus.
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IV.—PRESBYTERY OF WILMINGTON.

MINISTERS.	RULING ELDERS.	CHURCHES.
A. MCFADYEN,		
A. KIRKLAND, (2)		
C. M. PAYNE,	*John Colville*,	Second, Wilmington.
3	*J. A. Faison*,	Union.
	John McLaurin,	First, Wilmington.
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V.—PRESBYTERY OF MECKLENBURG.

MINISTERS.	RULING ELDERS.	CHURCHES.
W. W. PHARR, D. D.,	*J. R. Hutchison*,	Mallard Creek.
G. D. PARKS, (2)		

Creek, St. Andrew's, Mt. Pisgah, Barbacue, St. Paul's, Big Rockfish, Lumberton, Mt. Tabor, Bethel, Laurinburgh, Bethlehem, Church of the Covenant, Sandy Grove, Galatia, Laurel Hill, Smyrna, Pee Dee, Sharon, Macedonia, Ben Salem, Euphronia, Shoe Heel, Iona, Ashpole, Mineral Spring, China Grove, Montpelier, White Hill. (46).

Of the Presbytery of Wilmington, the following Ministers were absent: D. B. Black, C. Shaw, J. M. Sprunt, D. D., B. F. Marable, S. H. Isler, J. Kelly, J. R. Wilson, D. D., G. W. McMillan, K. McDonald, R. H. Chapman, D. D., J. S. Black, R. B. McAlpine. (12)

The following Churches were not represented: Hopewell, Pike, Rockfish, Moore's Creek, Grove, Mt. Zion, Clinton, Mt. Olive, Beth-Car, South River Chapel, Mt. Horeb, Brown Marsh, Ellzabethtown, Oak Plain, Spring Vale, Mt. Williams, Topsail, White Hall, Cobb's Mills, Richlands, Black River Chapel, Keith, Burgaw, Goldsboro, Seminary, Newport, North River, Swansboro, Whiteville, White Plains. (30)

Roll of Synod. Organization.

MINISTERS.	RULING ELDERS.	CHURCHES.
R. Z. JOHNSTON, (2)	*W. H. Michal*,	Lincolnton.
J. J. KENNEDY,		
WM. H. DAVIS,		
WM. E. MCILWAINE,	*John W. Moore*,	Hopewell.
J. F. LATIMER,	*D. W. Mays*,	Ramah.
	J. B. Nicholson,	Huntersville.
R. A. MILLER,		
W. M. MCGILVARY,		
J. P. GAMMON,		
G. L. COOK,		
J. L. WILLIAMS,	*M. A. Murr*,	Wadesborough.
W. W. MOORE,	*A. T. Summey*.	Red Oak.
J. T. PLUNKETT,	*A. G. Neel*,	Steele Creek.
	T. N. Knox,	Pleasant Hill.
D. P. ROBINSON,	*R. S. White*,	Sharon.
15	*R. R. King*,	Philadelphia.
	T. W. Morrison,	Lebanon.
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Ministers, 63; Ruling Elders, 53.—Total, 116.

The Rev. H. G. Hill, D. D., of the Presbytery of Fayetteville, was elected Moderator.

The Rev. J. A. Ramsay, of the Presbytery of Concord, and Rev. L. C. Vass, of the Presbytery of Orange, were elected Temporary Clerks.

It was ordered that the hours of daily sessions be as follows :

Of the Presbytery of Mecklenburg, the following Ministers were absent: R. H. Morrison, D. D., J. E. Morrison, J. D. Hall, W. N. Morrison, W. Graves, L. R. McAboy, D. D., A. W. Miller, D. D., D. T. Towles, W. B. Corbett, S. T. Martin, E. H. Harding, D. D., W. McDonald, S. H. Chester, G. S. Robinson, M. R. Kirkpatrick, W. R. Atkinson. (16)

The following Churches were not represented: First Charlotte, Bethel, Waynesville, Olney, Union, Sugar Creek, Mills River, Hendersonville, Second Charlotte, Paper Mill, Shelby, Dallas, Goshen, Matthews, New Hope, Long Creek, Davidson River, Unity, Castanea Grove, Pineville, Providence, Rutherfordton, Little Brittain, Asheville, Caldwell, Franklin, Morrison, Hiwassee, Swannanoa, Oak Forest, Bethlehem, Hephzibah, Machpelah, Sandy Plains. (34)

Total of Ministers absent, 56; of Churches not represented, 173.

Corresponding Members. Visiting Brethren.

From 9½ A. M. till 1 P. M.; from 3 P. M. till 5 P. M.; from 7 P. M. till 9 P. M.

The following brethren were invited during the Sessions of the Synod to sit as Corresponding Members, and were introduced by the Moderator to the Synod :

Rev. H. C. DuBose, of Soochow, China, of the Synod of South Carolina ; Rev. J. K. Hazen, D. D., of the Synod of Alabama ; Rev. Thos. E. Peck, D. D., of the Synod of Virginia ; and Rev. E. M. Richardson, D. D., of the Synod of Memphis.

The following brethren were invited during the Sessions of the Synod to sit as Visiting Brethren, and were introduced by the Moderator to the Synod :

Rev. W. W. Downey, of the Synod of Harrisburg, and Rev. L. W. Crawford, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

It was made the Order of the Day for Thursday evening at the usual hour of public worship, to hear the Rev. H. C. DuBose, with reference to the cause of Foreign Missions in China.

The Synod then adjourned until 9½ A. M. to-morrow, and was closed with prayer by the Rev. R. Burwell.

SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3rd, 1881.

MORNING SESSION.

The Synod met at 9½ A. M., and was opened with prayer by the Moderator.

The minutes of the First Day's Sessions were read, amended and approved.

The Moderator announced the following

Standing Committees.

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1.—Bills and Overtures—D. E. Jordan, W. A. Wood, D.D., A. G. Neel.

2.—Judicial Committee—J. P. McPherson, R. B. Anderson, R. Sterling.

3.—Address to the Churches on the State of Religion—J. M. Wharey, A. L. Crawford, H. C. Hamilton.

4.—Minutes of the General Assembly—J. F. Latimer, J. C. Alexander, W. H. Michal.

5.—Union Theological Seminary.—Roger Martin, Walter W. Pharr, D. D., A. T. Summey.

6.—Treasurer's Books—S. C. Rankin, John Colville.

7.—Report of the Trustees of Synod—W. H. Davis, E. A. Perkins, E. McGilvary.

8.—Devotional Exercises—J. Rumple, E. F. Rockwell, J. J. Summerell.

9.—Statistical Reports of the Presbyteries—T. J. Allison, M. McQueen, T. H. Hughes.

10.—Leave of Absence—P. R. Law, R. W. Boyd, R. A. Alexander.

The Moderator then announced the following Committees on Presbyterial Records:

1.—Orange.—P. T. Penick, W. E. Hall.
2.—Concord—J. W. Primrose, Thomas Rankin.
3.—Fayetteville—W. E. McIlwaine, T. N. Knox.
4.—Wilmington—J. P. Gammon, Robert Hanner.
5.—Mecklenburg—P. H. Dalton, D. B. Gaither.

The reading of the Minutes of the last Annual Session of Synod was, on motion, dispensed with.

Statistical Reports from the Presbyteries of Orange, Concord,

Reports referred. Orders of the Day.

Fayetteville, and Mecklenburg were presented, and on motion, referred without reading to the Committee on Statistical Reports. They are printed in the Appendix to these Minutes. (See Appendix, Paper A.)

Narratives of the State of Religion from the Presbyteries of Orange, Concord, Fayetteville and Mecklenburg were presented and, on motion, referred without reading to the Committee appointed to prepare an Address to the Churches.

The Report of the Board of Directors of Union Theological Seminary was read and referred to the Committe on Theological Seminary, and is printed in the Appendix to these Minutes. (See Appendix, Paper B.)

The nominations of persons to fill vacancies in the Board from the Synod was referred to the same Committee.

Reports on Systematic Beneficence from the Presbyteries of Orange, Concord, Fayetteville and Mecklenburg were presented, and on motion, referred without reading to a Standing Committee on Systematic Beneficence to report thereon. They are printed in the Appendix to these Minutes. (See Appendix, Paper C.)

A communication from the Presbyterian Historical Society was read and referred to a Special Committee to recommend to the Synod appropriate action on the subject.

It was made the Order of the Day for to-day at 12 M. to hear the Report of the Agent of Publication, and in connection therewith to hear the Rev. J. K. Hazen, D. D., the General Assembly's Secretary of Publication.

It was made the First Order of the Day for Friday morning to hear the Report of the Agent of Sustentation.

It was made the First Order of the Day for Friday afternoon to hear the Report of the Agent of Education, and in connection therewith to hear the Rev. E. M. Richardson, D. D., the General Assembly's Secretary of Education; and also to hear the Rev.

Orders of the Day. Report on Order of Business.

Prof. J. F. Latimer, of Davidson College, with reference to the interests of that institution.

It was made the First Order of the Day for this afternoon to hear the Report of the Agent of Evangelistic Labour.

Standing Rule 27, requiring the Synodical Missionary Meeting to be held Friday night, was by vote of the Synod suspended; and it was made the Order of the Day for this evening at 7 o'clock, to hold the Synodical Missionary meeting.

The Report of the Treasurer of the Synod was read and referred, with vouchers, to the Committee on the Treasurer's Books, and is printed in the Appendix to these Minutes. (See Appendix, Paper D.)

It was made the Order of the Day for to-day at 11½ A. M., to hear the Report of the Agent of Sabbath Schools, and in connection therewith to hear the Rev. J. K. Hazen, D. D., to whom the General Assembly entrusts the general interests of the Sabbath Schools.

The Special Committee appointed at the last Meeting of Synod, on the Order of Business, made report which was received and adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on the Order of Business of Synod, appointed at the last Meeting to report at this, respectfully present the following:

The Committee was appointed under the following Resolution:

"That the whole order of business of Synod be referred to a Special Committee to report at the next Stated Meeting, in order to shorten the routine and simplify the business engaging the attention of the Synod."

Your Committee have carefully considered the Docket and the questions entrusted to them. With the elimination of the whole business of hearing and reading excuses by a prompt reference to the Committee of Leave of Absence,—according to the action taken by the last Synod—much time heretofore consumed at each meeting, is saved for the deliberations of the body. We recommend as a further reduction of routine and simplification of business, that the various Presbyterial Reports be referred without reading to the appropriate Standing Com-

mittees,—and thus condensed and tabulated, the subjects can be more satisfactorily brought to the notice of the Synod.

The great interests of the Church should claim the time and thought of the Synod, and in order to secure the consideration of the different important enterprises of the Church, we recommend that Orders of the Day, allowing ample time for full discussion by the Synod, be taken for each of the causes of the Church, represented by Synodical Agents.

The Moderator announced the following additional Committees :

Standing Committee on Systematic Beneficence—H. T. Darnall, G. M. Gibbs, C. M. Brown.

Special Committee on the Presbyterial Historical Society—J. H. Smith, D. D., L. McKinnon, John W. Moore.

The Stated Clerk made the following report which was referred to the Committee on Leave of Absence :

In obedience to the order of Synod as recorded on p. 189, printed Minutes of Synod, 1880, I addressed notices to the following brethren (who had hitherto failed to respond to the usual notice required by Standing Rule) concerning their absence from the Synod of 1879, and the failure not only to give excuse therefor, but to answer to the notification :

J. W. Primrose, T. P. Johnston, A. McMillan, N. T. Bowden, A. McQueen, J. H. Coble, D. B. Black, C. Shaw, J. D. Hall, A. W. Miller, D. D., W. B. Corbett.

Answers to these special notices required by Synod to be addressed by me to the brethren named have been received from all excepting Rev. A. W. Miller, D. D., and placed in the hands of the Committee of Leave of Absence.

The Committee to prepare a Minute touching the death of the Rev. Edward Hines, was continued until the next meeting of the Synod.

Asheville, N. C., was chosen as the place, and Wednesday, September 27th, 1882, at 7½ o'clock P. M., was chosen as the time for the next meeting of the Synod.

Sabbath Schools. Publication. Evangelistic Labour.

The Order of the Day for this hour was announced, and the Agent of Sabbath Schools made his report, which was received and approved. Pending its consideration, the Synod was addressed by the Rev. Dr. Hazen.

The Synod receded from business for five minutes.

After recess, the Synod resumed business.

The Order of the Day for this hour was announced, and in the absence of the Agent of Publication, the Temporary Clerk read his report which was received and approved.

Pending the consideration of this Report and the resolutions appended thereto, the Synod heard the Rev. J. K. Hazen, D. D., the General Assembly's Secretary of Publication.

Pending further consideration, the Synod took recess until 3½ P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Stated Clerk of Concord Presbytery was excused, on account of sickness, for not having the Minutes of Concord Presbytery present and prepared for review at this meeting of Synod.

The unfinished business was postponed in order to take up the Order of the Day for this hour, viz: the Report of the Agent of Evangelistic Labour.

The Agent then made his report which was received and approved.

A Paper was then offered, undersigned by H. G. Hill, L. McKinnon, D. E. Jordan, W. E. McIlwaine and C. M. Payne, touching the supply of the destitutions of the Synod by Synodical effort.

Foreign Missions.

Pending the discussion of this subject, the Synod took recess until 7½ P. M.

EVENING SESSION.

The Synod convened after recess.

The unfinished business was postponed for the Order of the Day.

The Order of the Day for this hour was announced and the Synodical Missionary Meeting was held.

After appropriate devotional exercises, the Agent of Foreign Missions made his report which was received and approved, and the recommendations appended thereto were adopted. They are as follows :

The Synod would direct attention :

1. To the fact, that 68 churches were not reported as contributing to this cause. Some of them, no doubt, did contribute, but sessions failed to report to Presbytery, and are therefore not credited in the reports to the Assembly.

2. To the small number (36) of Sunday-schools that contribute.

3. As the Rev. John W. Davis, of Soochow, China, the only minister from this Synod in the Foreign Missionary work, was raised in Salisbury and trained in the Church where Synod is now holding its annual sessions, it is proper that Synod express its appreciation of the action of the Assembly's Committee in recently sending him the funds to build a dwelling house for his mission; and appoint the pastor of the Salisbury Church to write him a letter, conveying our fraternal salutations and the assurances of our abiding confidence and deep interest in his work.

Pending the consideration of this report, the Synod was addressed by the Rev. H. C. DuBose, of Soochow, China, and a collection was taken up for the cause of Foreign Missions, amounting to $57.76.

Report on Presbyterial Records.

The following resolution was then adopted by a rising vote.

That the Synod of North Carolina express their grateful appreciation of the exceedingly interesting and effective address of Rev. H. C. DuBose, and that this motion be adopted by a rising vote.

The Synod then adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9½ o'clock.

Closed with prayer by the Rev. J. Henry Smith, D. D.

THIRD DAY.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4th, 1881.

MORNING SESSION.

The Synod met at the appointed hour and was opened with prayer by the Moderator.

The Minutes of the Second Day's Session were read and approved.

The Records and the several reports of Wilmington Presbytery were laid before the Synod and appropriately referred.

The Committee on the Records of Concord Presbytery, reported that the Records had not been forwarded to Synod for review, and the Committee was, on motion, discharged.

The Committee on the Records of Fayetteville Presbytery reported that they had examined the Records and find them correctly kept, and recommend that they be approved. The report was adopted.

The Committee on the Records of Orange Presbytery reported that they had examined the Records and find them correctly kept, and recommend that they be approved, with certain exceptions. The Synod, not sustaining the exceptions, they were stricken out, and the report as amended was adopted.

Presbyterian Historical Society. Fraternal Greetings.

The Committee on the Records of Mecklenburg Presbytery reported that they had examined the Records, and find them correctly kept, and recommend that they be approved. The report was adopted.

The Special Committee to whom was referred the communication from the Presbyterian Historical Society submitted a report, which was received and adopted. The report is as follows :

The Committee to whom was referred the communication from the Presbyterian Historical Society, would recommend to Synod the following action with reference to the same :

The Synod of North Carolina expresses (1) its full and hearty sympathy with the aims and objects of the Presbyterian Historical Society; (2) its gratification that there is such a Society, and now possessed of a building so suitable for its purposes—pronounced by competent authority to be "as fire-proof as brick and iron can make it"; and (3) its grateful appreciation of the offer to us—which is hereby thankfully accepted—"to receive and keep safely any records or documents of the courts of our Church, holding them subject to the order of depositors and without expense."

The Committee further recommend to the Synod the appointment of a Committee on the behalf of this Synod, to consist of our Stated Clerk and two others, to co-operate with the Society within our bounds, and to be a medium of communication and information, relieving and assisting the work of the Society.

The Rev. E. F. Rockwell and the Rev. L. C. Vass were appointed on the Committee called for by the action of the Synod.

The following resolution was offered and adopted :

Resolved, That the Synod of North Carolina, in session at Salisbury, N. C. November 4th, 1881, extend fraternal greetings to the Semi-Centennial Association of the Columbia Theological Seminary, which is soon to convene in the city of Columbia, S. C.; rejoicing with them in the success of efforts to re-endow that venerable "School of the Prophets ;" and praying the richest blessing of the Great Head of the Church to be upon them, and the great work in which they are engaged. And that the Rev. J. T. Plunkett be commissioned to bear this resolution to the "Semi-Centennial Association."

Report on Systematic Beneficence.

The Synod then resumed the Unfinished Business, viz: the consideration of the Paper touching the supply of the destitutions of the Synod, by Synodical effort.

The recommendations of the Paper were taken up *seriatim*.

Pending further discussion on the subject, Synod took recess until 3½ P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

After recess Synod met and resumed business.

The Committee on Systematic Beneficence made the following report which was received and adopted:

Your Committee on Systematic Beneficence respectfully report as follows:

Reports have been received from all the Presbyteries. From these it is ascertained that total amounts raised for the Assembly's causes are, from Orange, $3048; Concord, $3878; Fayetteville, $2124; Mecklenburg, $4608; Wilmington, $1758.

Making a grand total, $15,416, as against $12,988 raised last year; an advance of $2,428; $552 of this increase comes from the Presbytery of Mecklenburg.

The general causes of the Assembly are contributed to as follows:

Orange—Sustentation, $517; Evangelistic Fund, $215; Invalid Fund, $215; Foreign Missions, $1088; Education, $422; Publication, $167; Tuskaloosa Institute, $88.

Concord—Sustentation, $233; Evangelistic Fund, $562; Invalid Fund, $101; Foreign Missions, $1452; Education, $1391; Publication, $139; Tuskaloosa Institute, —

Fayetteville—Sustentation, $259; Evangelistic Fund, $264; Invalid Fund, $169; Foreign Missions, $976; Education, $177; Publication, $200; Tuskaloosa Institute, $79.

Mecklenburg—Sustentation, $1547; Evangelistic Fund, $685; Invalid Fund, $232; Foreign Missions, $1505; Education, $443; Publication, $196; Tuskaloosa Institute, —

Systematic Beneficence, concluded. Report on Statistical Reports.

Wilmington—Sustentation, $295; Evangelistic Fund, $142; Invalid Fund, $124; Foreign Missions, $866; Education, $157; Publication, $111; Tuskaloosa Institute, $63.

Total in the Synod—Sustentation, $2851; Evangelistic Fund, $2204; Invalid Fund, $841; Foreign Missions, $5887; Education, $2590; Publication, $813; Tuskaloosa Institute, $230.

One church in Orange Presbytery contributed directly to the Assembly's Central Committee $5 additional.

The number of churches, contributing is just about the same as that reporting last year, but the decided increase in the amounts contributed shows a healthful and very encouraging growth in all our Presbyteries in liberality.

There remains, however, in each Presbytery, a small number of churches that fail to contribute to any of the Assembly's causes, and it should be our aim to secure a better state of things in these churches. There are, however, only fourteen of these in the entire Synod.

In conclusion we would call the attention of Synod to the encouraging features of our benevolent work and have no special recommendations to offer.

The Committee on Statistical Reports submitted the following report which was received and adopted:

The Committee on the Statistical Reports of Presbyteries respectfully submit the following:

The Synod of North Carolina consists of five Presbyteries, one hundred and nineteen ministers, two hundred and twenty-seven churches, eighteen thousand five hundred and eighty-three members.

Four ministers have been received, two in the Presbytery of Fayetteville, and one each in the Presbyteries of Orange and Mecklenburg.

Three ministers have been dismissed, one from the Presbytery of Wilmington and two from the Presbytery of Orange.

Two licentiates have been dismissed, one from each of the Presbyteries of Fayetteville and Concord.

There have been two licensures, one in each of the Presbyteries of Mecklenburg and Concord.

There have been four ordinations, three in the Presbytery of Mecklenburg and one in the Presbytery of Concord.

The pastoral relation has been constituted nine times, twice each in the Presbyteries of Mecklenburg, Concord and Wilmington, and three times in the Presbytery of Orange.

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The pastoral relation has been dissolved five times, once each in the Presbyteries of Fayetteville, Concord and Wilmington, and twice in the Presbytery of Orange.

Three churches have been organized, one in the Presbytery of Fayetteville, and two in the Presbytery of Orange.

One church (coloured) has been transferred to Yadkin Presbytery, of Presbyterian Church in the United States of America.

There are sixteen candidates, three in the Presbytery of Fayetteville, four in Mecklenburg, two in Concord, and seven in Orange.

There have been no deaths in our ministry during the past year, for which, together with other kind providences and blessings of our Heavenly Father, the Synod should render sincere praise and thanksgiving to the King and Head of the Church.

The Committee on the Records of Wilmington Presbytery reported that they had examined the Records and find them correctly kept, and recommend that they be approved. The report was adopted.

The Committee on Union Theological Seminary made their report which was received and adopted. The report is as follows :

The Committee to whom was referred the annual report of the Directors of Union Theological Seminary would report to Synod :

1. That said report makes a most gratifying exhibit of the continued prosperity and efficency of this "School of the Prophets." It shows that the finances are in a healthy condition ; the number of students in attendance continues large ; their diligence, deportment and application are generally good ; and that the directors manifest a commendable disposition to introduce judiciously and prudently into the methods of instruction and general conduct of the Institution, any improvements of real and permanent value.

2. The Synod records again with profound gratitude the continuation of the manifest favour of God to this venerable Seminary.

3. That Synod re-appoints Rev. F. H. Johnston and Rev. Joseph M. Atkinson, D. D., and in place of Mr. George Chadbourn, Mr. Alexander Sprunt as directors for the next four years.

Rev. J. H. Smith D. D., and Rev F. H. Johnston were excused

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on account of sickness for their non-attendance upon the last meeting of the Board of Directors.

It was made the Order of the Day immediately after divine worship this evening to hear a letter addressed to the Synod by the Rev. John W. Davis, of Soochow, China.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported that no business had been put into their hands, and asked to be discharged. The report was received and the request granted.

The Unfinished Business was then taken up, viz: the consideration of the Paper touching the supply of the destitutions of the Synod by Synodical effort, and the several recommendations in their order were adopted, and the Paper as a whole, after verbal changes, was then adopted. The Paper amended and adopted, is as follows:

In view of the fact that there are in the bounds of this Synod about 53 counties of the 94, and about 500,000 people destitute, or nearly so, of any church ministrations of our faith and order; and as this destitution is so unequally distributed among the Presbyteries, that some of them cannot possibly, for at least a number of years, occupy their destitute regions:

The following scheme of Synodical missionary labour is presented to the Synod for careful consideration, and if found practicable, for adoption.

1. That this Synod appoint two ministers to labour in the destitute regions of our bounds, and that Presbyteries comprising this Synod be requested to authorize these ministers to labour in their bounds as evangelists.

2. That a committee consisting of Mr. George Allen, of Orange Presbytery; Mr. Wm. R. Kenan, of Wilmington Presbytery; Mr. S. H. Wiley, of Concord Presbytery; Mr. E. T. McKethan, of Fayetteville Presbytery, and General R. D. Johnston, of Mecklenburg Presbytery be appointed to raise the sum of $3000, not by ordinary church-collections, but by special efforts among individuals of means and such as feel an interest in this work.

3. That these Home Missionaries appointed by Synod are not to enter upon their work until the Chairman of the Committee appointed

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to raise the funds shall report to the Chairman of the Committee of Synodical Evangelistic Labour, that the necessary funds have been secured.

4. That Rev. C. M Payne, Rev. H. G. Hill, D. D., Rev. J. Rumple, Rev. G. D. Parks and Rev. J. C. Alexander, or their successors in office, as Chairmen of Home Missions in their respective Presbyteries, be appointed a Synodical Evangelistic Committee, to superintend the general conduct of this work, and, if necessary between the meetings of Synod, fill vacancies by election.

5. That in order to prevent any conflict between Presbyterial and Synodical rights and duties, these Home Missionaries shall labour in any Presbytery only when invited by the Chairman of Home Missions in that Presbytery; and then in conformity to the suggestions of the local authorities of said Presbytery.

It was ordered that a Special Committee of five be appointed to nominate two brethren to act as Synodical Missionaries in accordance with the foregoing action.

The Moderator appointed the following Committee: D. E. Jordan, L. McKinnon, C. M. Payne, A. G. Neel, S. C. Rankin.

The Order of the Day for this hour was announced, and the Agent of Education made his report, which was received.

Pending the consideration of this report, the Synod was addressed by the Rev. E. M. Richardson, D. D., the General Assembly's Secretary of Education.

Pending the further consideration of the report, the Synod took recess until after public worship this evening.

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After divine service, the Synod met and heard the letter addressed to the body from the Rev. John W. Davis, of Soochow, China. In reponse thereto the following action was taken: The pastor of Salisbury Church was instructed to file a copy of said letter with the Stated Clerk of Synod; to furnish for publication in the *North Carolina Presbyterian* such part as was of interest

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to the public; and to answer the letter of our absent brother in the name of the Synod.

The Unfinished Business was then resumed, viz: the consideration of the report of the Agent of Education. In connection therewith, the Synod heard the Rev. J. F. Latimer, with reference to the claims of Davidson College.

The Synod then adjourned until 9½ A. M. to-morrow, and was closed with prayer by the Rev. W. W. Pharr, D. D.

FOURTH DAY.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5th, 1881.

MORNING SESSION.

The Synod met pursuant to adjournment, and was opened with prayer by the Moderator.

The minutes of the Third Day's Sessions were read, amended and approved.

The Judicial Committee reported that no business had been put into their hands and asked to be discharged. The report was received and the request granted.

The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly made their report, which was received and placed on the Docket.

The Stated Clerk presented the following Statistical Report of the Synod of North Carolina to the General Assembly, which was received and adopted, and a copy ordered to be forwarded to the General Assembly:

REPORT OF THE SYNOD OF NORTH CAROLINA TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

The Synod of North Carolina respectfully reports to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, that it consists of five Presbyteries, and that these Presbyteries consist in whole

of one hundred and nineteen Ministers and two hundred and twenty-seven Churches, having under their care six Licentiates and sixteen Candidates, viz:

PRESBYTERIES.	Ministers.	Churches.	Licentiates.	Candidates.
Orange	28	62	2	7
Concord	24	34	1	2
Fayetteville	21	51	0	3
Wilmington	15	33	1	0
Mecklenburg	31	47	2	4
Total	119	227	6	16

The Synod further reports that its next Stated Meeting will be held in the Presbyterian Church, Asheville, N. C., Wednesday, 27th September, 1882, at 7½ o'clock, P. M.

By order of the Synod:

WM. S. LACY.
Stated Clerk.

The following resolution touching the Sabbath-School interests was presented and adopted:

Resolved, That the Synodical Agent of Sabbath-Schools, with the Presbyterial Sabbath-School Agents, or the Chairmen of the Presbyterial Committees, be appointed a committee to prepare for the consideration of Synod at its next Session, some definite and practical subjects or plans, touching Sabbath-School work, that greater interest and efficiency may be secured in this important department of the Church's labor. Notice of these propositions shall be published by the Committee for general information, some time before the meeting of Synod.

The following preamble and resolutions were offered and after consideration and amendment were adopted:

WHEREAS, Our land has been visited by a consuming drought, cutting off the hopes of the husbandman, involving nearly all classes of business in perplexity, bringing distress to the homes of many of

our people, and giving reason to fear that the enterprises of the Church will be seriously crippled, therefore,

Resolved, 1st. That we, the members of this Synod, recognizing the hand of God and His displeasure in this sore affliction, feel called on to humble ourselves under His mighty hand, and to bear with hearts deeply impressed, this rod, and Who hath appointed it.

2nd. That the ministers of this Synod be directed to make such use of this dealing of God's providence, as in their judgment may be best calculated to secure the spiritual good of their respective charges.

The Synod then resumed the Unfinished Business, viz: the consideration of the report of the Agent of Education. The report was approved and the following resolution appended thereto was adopted.

Resolved, That the Synod would urge all our ministers and people to engage in more faithful and importunate prayer to the Lord of the harvest, that He would send forth more labourers into His harvest.

The Agent of Evangelistic Labour made his report on the Evangelistic Work of the Synod among the coloured people, which was received and adopted.

The Rev. L. C. Vass, appointed at the last meeting of Synod to prepare for this Synod a Special Paper on the Evangelization of the coloured people, submitted a verbal statement, of the magnitude and interest of the subject, and that he was not prepared to report at this meeting. The appointment was continued until the next meeting of the Synod.

The following resolution was offered and adopted:

Resolved, That the Standing Rules of the Synod be referred to a Committee consisting of the Stated Clerk of the Synod, and the Rev. F. H. Johnston, for revision and condensation.

The Committee appointed to prepare an Address to the Churches on the State of Religion in the bounds of the Synod, made the following report, which was received and adopted.

Address to the Churches.

It was further ordered that the address be read, to the Churches, by the pastors and stated supplies, on a day of public worship, and that a copy be forwarded to the *North Carolina Presbyterian*, with a request for publication.

The report is as follows:

ADDRESS TO THE CHURCHES.

The Synod of North Carolina to the churches within its bounds—greeting:

Dear Brethren:—Another year has brought with it another gathering of your pastors and ruling elders to consult for the interests of our beloved Zion. It gives us great comfort to know that the preaching of the Word, and all the ordinances of "the glorious Gospel of the blessed God," are faithfully dispensed among you; and that ye give diligence in attending thereto. We specially rejoice to learn that, upon a goodly number of our churches the Holy Spirit hath been poured out more abundantly and that many are rejoicing in a new hope or in a stronger faith. We exhort you, dearly beloved, "continue in the grace wherein ye stand;" and strive earnestly to abound more and more in every good word and work.

But some matters are reported to us, brethren, which cause us to be in great anxiety, and to stand somewhat in doubt of you. It is commonly reported from all the Presbyteries that the duties of family worship, and the instruction and training of children are much neglected. When we remember that the ordinance of marriage was instituted that the Lord might "seek thence a godly seed,"—Mal. ii.: 15; when we remember that the Covenant was made with Abraham because the Lord knew that he would teach his children the commandments of God,—Gen. xviii; 19; when we remember that that covenant is valid to-day only where parents, the spiritual descendants of Abraham, comply with their obligations to instruct and train their children for God; when we remember that a solemn curse is denounced in God's Word upon the families that call not upon the name of God,—Jer. x:25; when we remember that it has been in former days the distinguishing glory of the Presbyterian Church that religion has been specially nourished in the family, and that in the diligent use of this God-appointed-nursery of piety our Church has received the rich blessing of her Head; when we remember these things, brethren, and hear that these duties are now so sadly neglected, we do greatly fear that the curse of the Al-

mighty may descend upon us. Nay, we do greatly fear that curse is already upon us. Our institutions of learning, and for training ministers of the Word are crying out to us, "Send us more men." We learn with humiliation and alarm that our candidates for the ministry have so declined in number that they barely supply the places of those who are removed by death.

We exhort you, dearly beloved, by the mercies of our covenant-keeping God, as well as by fears of His wrath, and by the former glories of our Church, remove this sin and shame from among you. Let the flame of religion be kindled upon your family altars, and around your hearthstones. Let parents first consecrate themselves afresh, and then their children to a more zealous performance of their covenant vows.

Suffer one other word of counsel. The Lord has seen fit to send an unprecedented drought upon our land. The coming year promises to be one of peculiar financial difficulty. We beseech you, let not economy begin in your offerings to the Lord. Let it rather be exercised in cutting off the superfluities of the flesh, and those unnecessary expenditures which minister to the pride of life. These we may do without—but let us see to it lest we rob God, and deprive ourselves and others of that bread of life without which our souls must die.

Finally, brethren, be strong in the Lord. And may the blessings of the Triune God rest upon you and your children. Amen.

The Committee on the Treasurer's Books made their report which was received and placed on the Docket.

It was ordered that immediately after public worship this forenoon, the Synod take up the First Order of the Day, appointed for yesterday, viz: the Report of the Agent of Sustentation.

The Synod then receded from business to engage in divine service.

After divine worship, the Synod met.

It was made the First Order of the Day for this afternoon to hear the report of the Agent of Sustentation.

The Synod then took up the Unfinished Business which was left unfinished on the Second Day's Session and docketed, viz:

the resolutions appended to the report of the Agent of Publication. The resolutions were adopted and are as follows:

Resolved, 1. That in the selection of Sabbath-School literature, the preference should be given to the publications of our own Committee by our Ministers and Churches and officers of Sabbath-Schools and heads of families.

2. That the Presbyteries be urged to bring *all* their Churches up in solid rank to the support of this important arm of the Church, both in respect of congregational collections and in the patronage of its publications.

The Stated Clerk was authorized to have constructed a suitable chest for the preservation of the Records and Papers of the Synod.

The Synod then took recess until 3½ P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Synod met at 3½ P. M.

The Order of the Day for this hour was announced, and the Agent of Sustentation made his report, which was received and approved, and the recommendations appended thereto adopted. They are as follows:

1. That Synod would urge the Presbyteries to co-operate with the Assembly's Committee in Sustentation work in such a way that the stronger Presbyteries may help the weak.

2. That Synod advise a stricter Presbyterial oversight in regard to the whole subject of ministerial support.

3. That Synod would recommend to the Presbyteries and to organized churches the wise policy of providing a parsonage for every self-sustaining charge.

In connection with this subject, the following paper was pre-

Action touching more preaching. Synodical Missionaries chosen.

sented, which after some discussion was adopted and ordered to be sent down to the Presbyteries for their consideration.

1. To recommend to the Presbyteries under its care to use all proper means to secure that every minister within their bounds, not incapacitated by age or feeble health (and who is not already doing so) shall preach twice on every Sabbath.

2. That unless in case of congregations so situated as to be so profited by a second service as to warrant this expenditure of labor, these services be held at two different points.

3. That the Presbyteries, in so far as the way is clear, so group the churches and arrange the fields of labor as to facilitate this object.

The Special Committee appointed to nominate Synodical Missionaries, in accordance with the action taken touching the supply of destitution by Synodical effort, reported, recommending the Rev. D. E. Jordan, of Orange Presbytery, and the Rev. W. E. McIlwaine, of Mecklenburg Presbytery. The report was accepted and adopted, and these brethren were duly chosen Synodical Missionaries.

The Report of the Committee on the Treasurer's Books was taken from the Docket and recommitted for amendment.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises made a report which was received and approved.

The Synod took recess until after public worship this evening.

EVENING SESSION.

After divine service, the Synod met and resumed business.

The report of the Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly was taken from the Docket, and after discussion was adopted. The report is as follows:

The Committee on the Minutes of General Assembly would report

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that they have examined the Minutes and would call attention to the following matters:

1. On p. 372, there is a record of the adoption of the following resolution:

"WHEREAS, the coloured people have always manifested a preference for an organization of their own, which has been recognized by us at all times as both natural and proper, the attention of Synods be specially called to this matter, with a view to forming such churches as may be within their bounds into Presbyteries, if the way should seem clear; and that adjacent Synods correspond with each other in the incipiency of this movement, in order to secure the necessary co-operation."

2. On pp. 387-8 in the report of the Committee on the Office and Powers of the Evangelist, which was adopted by the Assembly, the article of the Constitution, (ch. iv, sec. 2, article 6), which defines the office of the Evangelist, is interpreted as authorizing Presbyteries to transfer to Evangelists in the Foreign Field the right *to ordain Evangelists.*

The article referred to reads as follows:

"When a minister is appointed to the work of the Evangelist, he is commissioned to preach the Word and administer the sacraments in frontier settlements or destitute parts of the Church; and to him may be intrusted power to organize churches, and ordain ruling elders and deacons therein."

It will be observed that authority to ordain other Evangelists is not mentioned as one of those duties which may be transferred to the Evangelist. There is no clause which implies that this authority may be transferred to him. The action of the General Assembly is, therefore, not an interpretation of the Constitution of the Church, but virtually makes an addition to the Constitution.

Your Committee recommend that the Synod adopt the following minute.

In the judgment of the Synod of North Carolina, the action of the last General Assembly in authorizing Presbyteries to transfer to Evangelists in Foreign Fields the right to ordain other Evangelists is in reality the enactment of a new provision in the Constitution of the Church. Since it does not fall within the province of the General Asssembly to make additions to the Constitution, the action is necessarily null and void.

Report of Committee of Leave of Absence.

The Committee of Leave of Absence made the following report, which was received and adopted:

The Committee of Leave of Absence would respectfully report that they have granted leave of absence to the following members:

After the Afternoon Session of Thursday to the following, viz:

Ministers.—J. L. Williams, D. A. McRae, W. E. McIlwaine, W. W. Moore, W. A. Wood, D. D., J. H. Colton, J. T. Plunkett, R. W. Boyd, R. A. Miller, S. C. Alexander.

Ruling Elders.—C. M. Brown, H. Conoly, Leroy Craig, D. McCallum, Jno. McLaurin, Thos. H. Hughes.

After the Morning Session of Friday, to the following, viz:

Minister.—J. Henry Smith, D. D.

After the Afternoon Session of Friday to the following, viz:

Ministers.—P. T. Penick, C. Miller, A. Kirkland, J. J. Kennedy, T. G. Thurston, James McQueen, G. D. Parks, W. H. Davis, George Summey, J. C. Alexander, J. P. Gammon, L. C. Vass, H. T. Darnall, T. J. Allison.

Ruling Elders.—T. N. Knox, J. A. Faison, R. A. Alexander, R. Hanner, J. G. Tate, Thomas Rankin, A. G. Neal, H. C. Hamilton, T. L. Martin, M. Shaw, D. W. Mays, J. B. Nicholson, M. A. Murr, W. E. Hall, Moses Lingle, E. M. Stevenson, D. Morrow, T. W. Morrison, John W. Moore, E. A. Perkins, G. Patterson, R. R. King, E. Rice, I. N. Pharr, C. M. B. Goodnight, D. A. Sloop.

After the Morning Session of Saturday to the following, viz:

Minister—P. H. Dalton.

Ruling Elders.—J. D. Johnston, J. B. Gibson.

The following members gave satisfactory reasons for tardiness, viz:

Ministers.—B. L. Beall, G. D. Parks, J. Evans, R. Z. Johnston, P. P. Winn, James McQueen, A. N. Ferguson.

Ruling Elders.—A. H. Matheson, Moses Lingle, E. M. Stevenson, P. B. Kennedy, J. A. Faison, A. M. McPheeters,

The following members assigned satisfactory reasons for absence from this meeting of Synod, viz:

W. A. McDonald, C. H. Wiley, D. D., W. R. Atkinson, J. M. Sprunt, D. D., R. H. Chapman, D. D., C. N. Morrow, J. M. Atkinson, D. D., F. H. Johnston, Hector McLean, W. B. Corbett, Wm. W.

Report on Leave of Absence, Continued.

Pharr, T. P. Johnston, A. D. Hepburn, D. D., D. T. Towles, C. Phillips, D. D., James Kelly.

The following members assigned satisfactory reasons for absence from preceding meetings of Synod, viz:

J. W. Primrose, T. P. Johnston, A. McQueen, J. H. Coble, N. T. Bowden, C. Shaw, D. B. Black, J. D. Hall, J. S. Black. L. K. Glasgow, A. L. Crawford, R. W. Boyd, J. H. Colton, B. W. Mebane, D. T. Towles, W. R. Atkinson, W. E. McIlwaine, G. S. Robinson, James McQueen, A. McMillan, J. F. Latimer.

The following member has assigned unsatisfactory reason for absence from previous meetings of Synod, viz:

W. B. Corbett.

The following sessions which were not represented at last meeting of Synod, have answered the citation of the Stated Clerk, and assigned satisfactory reasons for not being represented; viz:

Wentworth, Madison, Oak Forest, Leaksville, Cross Roads, Reidsville, Stony Creek, Oakland, Hickory, Statesville, Unity, Centre, Taylorsville, Clio, Lenoir, Shiloh, Zion, St. Pauls, Laurinburg, Euphronia, Rockingham, Bluff, Ashpole, China Grove, Lumberton, Church of the Covenant, Shoe Heel, Sharon, Mark's Creek, Mt. Horeb, Spring Vale, Keith, Whiteville, Moore's Creek, Hopewell, Little Brittain, Shelby, Dallas, Paper Mill, Long Creek, Steele Creek, Pineville, Providence, New Hope, Goshen, Brown Marsh, Long Street, Marion.

The following sessions which were not represented in last Synod have answered the citation of the Stated Clerk, reporting that no appointment of delegates was made, viz: Grier's, (Orange Presbytery) Montpelier, (Fayetteville Presbytery) Sand Hill and Huntersville, (Mecklenburg Presbytery).

The following sessions were not represented in last Synod and have not answered the citation of the Stated Clerk, viz:

Geneva, Oak Hill, Red House, High Point, Winston, Hawfields, Oxford, Grassy Creek, Durham, Chapel Hill, Little River, Haywood, Mt. Vernon, Bethesda, Oregon, Tarboro', Rocky Mount, Lexington, Ashboro', Springwood, Yanceyville, Graham, Company Shops, Fairfield, Mt. Airy, Elkin, Speedwell, Louisburg, Horeb, Warrenton, Morganton, Lenoir, Franklin, Mocksville, Norwood, Third Creek, Bethel, Siloam, Bethphage, Bethany, Fifth Creek, Poplar Tent,

Salem, Drusilla, Flat Branch, McPherson's, Cameron, Sardis, St. Andrew's, Mt. Pisgah, Barbacue, Sherwood, Mt. Tabor, Lumberton, Fayetteville, Bethlehem, Long Street, Galatia, Laurel Hill, Smyrna, Mineral Spring, Pee Dee, Macedonia, Harmony, Lebanon, Mt. Carmel, Machpelah, Lebanon, Sandy Plains, Charlotte First, Olney, Union, Bethel, Waynesville, Sugar Creek, Mills River, Hendersonville, Charlotte Second, Lincolnton, Philadelphia, Matthews, Davidson River, Unity, Castanea Grove, Monroe, Wadesboro', Ramah, Rutherfordton, Asheville, Oak Forest, Red Oak, Caldwell, Franklin, Morrison, Hiwassee, Bethlehem, Sharon, Swannanoa, Pike, Grove, Clinton, Elizabethtown, Oak Plains, Burgaw, Mt. Williams, Topsail, Cobb's Mills, Richlands, White Plains, Seminary, Newport, North River, Swansboro'.

The following members of Synod who were absent from last meeting of Synod have not answered the citation of the Stated Clerk, viz:

J. H. Thornwell, W. Graves, A. W. Miller, D. D., E. H. Harding, D. D., W. H. Davis.

Your Committee recommend

1. That the Rev. T. P. Johnston of Concord Presbytery and the Rev. James Kelly of Wilmington Presbytery be excused from attendance upon future meetings of Synod except as it may be agreeable to them.

2. That the Synod urge upon Sessions and Ministers a more faithful discharge of their obligations to attend the meetings of the Synod.

3. That after each meeting of the Synod it shall be the duty of the Stated Clerk to report to the Stated Clerks of the Presbyteries, those Ministers absent who have not rendered any excuse therefor, or have given unsatisfactory excuse, and those Sessions not represented, that appropriate action may be taken in the premises.

The Committee on Treasurer's Book and Account made their report which was adopted and is as follows:

The Committee on Treasurer's Books beg to report that the books of the treasurer have not been placed in their hands and by some misapprehension were not brought to Synod.

They have examined the treasurer's report and the accompanying vouchers and find them correct.

They find that balance on hand at last report was $16.56; that he has

received from all the Presbyteries $316.94; that he has paid out $211.17, leaving a balance in his hands of $122.33.

They also find that there is due to the Synod from the Presbyteries the sum of $241. Since the report was placed in the hands of the Committee, the sum due the Synod from Mecklenburg Presbytery ($123) has been transmitted to the treasurer.

They further find that the Synod owes $172.25, besides the current expenses for the synodical year just closed, amounting as estimated to about $210. Your Committee recommend that as the present assessment on the Presbyteries is not quite sufficient to meet the annual indispensable expenses, the assessments be raised about 20 per cent, according to the following schedule; Orange, $75; Fayetteville, $50; Concord, $45; Wilmington, $30; Mecklenburg, $45. The first payment under this scheme to be made in the fall of 1882.

The following resolution touching reports on Systematic Beneficence was presented and adopted:

Resolved, That the reports of the Presbyteries to the Synod, on Systematic Beneficence, be referred to a Standing Committee on Systematic Beneficence, who shall tabulate and condense the same, and report to the Synod, recommending any action called for on the subject.

The following resolution touching the Synodical Records was offered and adopted:

Resolved, That at each meeting of the Synod a standing Committee on the Synodical Records be appointed to examine the same and report thereon.

The following emendation of the Standing Rule appointing a Committee of Enrollment was presented and adopted:

Resolved, That Rule 29 of the Standing Rules of Synod be so amended as that the Committee of Enrollment shall consist of the Stated Clerk, the Pastor of the Church in which the Synod holds its Sessions, and the delegate of the session of the said Church.

The following resolution of thanks was adopted:

Resolved, That the Synod, appreciating gratefully the graceful and

considerate hospitality extended its members during its sessions, and the completeness and pleasantness of the arrangements for entertainment and transportation which have been made, tender its hearty thanks for all the kindness and attention shown by the good people of Salisbury; to brethren of other Churches for ecclesiastical courtesies; and to the various railways for reduced rates; and that the Pastor of this Church make known the grateful acknowledgments of this Synod in the usual way.

The Roll was then called before final adjournment, and the following members were found to be absent without leave:

Ministers.—A. M. Watson, R. B. Anderson, J. M. Wharey, J. H. Thornwell, J. F. Latimer, J. L. Currie.

Ruling Elders.—J. C. Cannon, E. McNeely, D. B. Gaither, J. J. Summerell, A. H. Matheson, R. S. White.

The Minutes of the Fourth Day's Sessions were then read and approved.

The Synod then adjourned to meet in the Presbyterian Church, Asheville, N. C., on Wednesday, the 27th day of September, 1882, at 7½ o'clock, P. M.

Closed with Singing, Prayer and the Apostolic Benediction.

H. G. HILL, *Moderator.*

J. A. RAMSAY, } *Temporary Clerks.*
L. C. VASS, }

WM. S. LACY, *Stated Clerk.*

APPENDIX.

APPENDIX.

A.

STATISTICAL REPORTS OF THE PRESBYTERIES.

I.—ORANGE PRESBYTERY.

The Presbytery of Orange would report to the Synod of North Carolina, that they consist of 28 Ministers, 61 Churches, 2 Licentiates, and 7 Candidates for the Gospel Ministry.

They further report that on the 5th day of December, 1880, they installed the Rev. J. W. Primrose Pastor of Shiloh Church; that on the 5th day of June, 1881, they installed the Rev. D. E. Jordan, Pastor of Nutbush Church; that on the 12th day of June, 1881, they installed the Rev. D. I. Craig, Pastor of Oak Forest Church; that on the 23rd day of January, 1881, they organized Jamestown Church in Guilford County; and on the 23rd day of February, they organized Calah Church in Randolph County; that on the 14th day of April, they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. James H. Fitzgerald, and Hillsboro Church; that on the 16th day of April, they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. L. H. Baldwin, and the Church of Rocky Mount; that on the 14th day of April, they dismissed to West Hanover Presbytery, Synod of Virginia, the Rev. J. H. Fitzgerald; and on the same day dismissed to the Presbytery of Abingdon, Synod of Virginia, the Rev. B. W. Mebane; that on the 14th day of April, they transferred to the Yadkin Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, the Ebenezer Church (c); that on the —— day of June, they received under their care as a Candidate for the Gospel Ministry, Wm. Cawthorne (c); that on the 28th day of October, 1881, they received from the Ebenezer Presbytery, Synod of Kentucky, the Rev. George Summey, and on the same day, they received under their care by transfer from the Presbytery of West

Hanover, Synod of Virginia, Licentiate R. A. Wailes; that on the 31st day of October, they dropped from the roll of Churches the name of Long's Mills Church; and that their next Stated Meeting will be held in Lexington, on Friday, before the fourth Sabbath of April, 1882, at 11 o'clock A. M.

F. H. JOHNSTON,
Stated Clerk.

Nov. 1st, 1881.

II.—CONCORD PRESBYTERY.

The Presbytery of Concord report to the Synod of North Carolina, that they comprise 24 Ministers and 34 Churches, and have under their care 1 Licentiate and 2 Candidates; that on the 29th day of May, 1881, they ordained Rev. J. N. H. Summerell to the full work of the ministry, and installed him Pastor of Poplar Tent Church; that on the 4th day of June they licensed Kiah P. Julian as a Probationer for the Holy Ministry; that on the same day they installed Rev. R. W. Boyd Pastor over Franklin Church; that on the 7th day of September, they transferred Licentiate K. P. Julian, at his own request, to the care of Montgomery Presbytery, Va.; that on the 8th day of September, they dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev. P. P. Winn and the Concord Church, (Iredell) and declared said Church vacant; and that the next Stated Meeting of Presbytery will be held in the Presbyterian Church in Concord, on Tuesday, before the last Sabbath in April, 1882, at 7 o'clock, P. M.

WM. W. PHARR,
Stated Clerk.

III.—FAYETTEVILLE PRESBYTERY.

The Presbytery of Fayetteville would respectfully report to the Synod of North Carolina, that, at present, they consist of 21 Ministers, and have under their care 51 Churches and 3 Candidates for the Ministery; that on the 6th day of April, 1881, they dismissed at his own request, Licentiate Lauchlin A. McLean, to place himself under the care of the Presbytery of Greenbrier; that on the 7th day of April,

Statistical Reports, Concluded. Wilmington. Mecklenburg.

1881, they received by letter, Rev. Evander McNair, D. D., from the Presbytery of Ouachita, and also on the same day, Rev. S. C. Alexander, from Mecklenburg Presbytery; that on the 14th day of October, 1881, they dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev. K. M. McIntyre and Mineral Spring Church; that on the 17th day of July, 1881, they organized the Church of White Hill, Moore County, N. C.; and that the next meeting of Presbytery will be held at Antioch Church, Robeson County, N. C., on Wednesday, before the second Sabbath in April, 1882, at 12 o'clock M.

By order of Presbytery,

Respectfully submitted,

J. P. McPHERSON,

Sardis Church, October 15th, 1881. Stated Clerk.

IV.—WILMINGTON PRESBYTERY.

The Presbytery of Wilmington respectfully report to the Synod of North Carolina that they number 15 Ministers, and have under their care 33 Churches and 1 Licentiate; that on the 17th day of March, 1881, they dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev. H. B. Garris and the Churches of Whiteville and White Plains; that on the 5th day of June, they installed Rev. A. McFadyen Pastor of Beth-Car Church, and on the 26th day of the same month they installed him Pastor of Brown Marsh Church; that on the 8th day of October, they dismissed Rev. H. B. Garris, at his own request, to Harmony Presbytery, and that their next Stated Meeting will be held at Burgaw Church, Pender County, on Thursday before the fourth Sabbath in March next, at 12 o'clock M.

By order of the Presbytery,

JAMES M. SPRUNT,

Kenansville, 12th Oct., 1881. Stated Clerk.

V.—PRESBYTERY OF MECKLENBURG.

The Presbytery of Mecklenburg report that they consist of 31 Ministers and 47 Churches, and have under their care 2 Licentiates and 4 Candidates; that on the 16th day of April, 1881, they licensed Walter

W. Moore to preach, and on the 20th day of August 1881, they ordained Walter W. Moore, and Jas. L. Williams to the work of Evangelists; that on the 16th day of April, 1881, they received J. T. Plunkett, licentiate, from the Presbytery of Nashville, and on the 4th day of June, 1881, they ordained him, and installed him Pastor of Steele Creek Church; that on the 19th day of August, 1881; they received the Rev. D. P. Robinson, from the Presbytery of Bethel, and on the 8th day of October, 1881, they installed him Pastor of Sharon Church; that on the 2nd day of November, 1881, they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. W. E. McIlwaine and Hopewell Church; that 14 of their Ministers are Pastors; 8 are Stated Supplies; 1 Infirm; 3 are without charge; 2 are Teachers; 2 are Evangelists, and 1 is a Domestic Missionary; 19 Churches have Pastors, 17 have Stated Supplies, 8 have Pastors elect, and 3 are vacant. That their next regular meeting will be held with the Pineville Church, on Wednesday, (7 P. M.) before the second Sunday in May, 1882.

Respectfully submitted,

R. Z. JOHNSTON,

By order of Presbytery, Nov., 1881. Stated Clerk.

B.

UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES, AND TO THE SYNODS OF NORTH CAROLINA AND VIRGINIA, FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 4TH, 1881.

The Trustees and Directors held their annual meeting on the 3rd and 4th days of May, 1881, eighteen of the twenty-four members being present.

The whole number of students in the year 1880-81 was fifty. Of these one was a resident licentiate, 21 were in the Senior, 12 were in the Middle and 16 in the Junior Class. The following students, having com-

pleted the full course of study prescribed by the Constitution, were awarded the usual certificates to that effect, viz:

Messrs. James W. Holt, West Va.; Marion S. Kennedy, Tenn.; Wm. R. Laird, Va.; J. Leach Lancaster, Va.; James L. McLin, S. C.; Walter W. Moore, N. C.; T. Smith Simral, Ky.; Hugh C. Smith, Tenn.; James N. Vance, Tenn.; Wm. D. White, Va.; and Thornton S. Wilson, Va.; being 4 from Virginia, 3 from Tennessee, and 1 each from West Virginia, Kentucky, North Carolina and South Carolina.

The examinations of the students commenced on the 28th April, and closed on the 3rd of May. These examinations, which were both written and oral, were very thorough and were conducted by the Professors and a committee, consisting of four directors, appointed for the purpose. This committee, in their full report, "express their hearty approval of the character of these examinations, the fairness and thoroughness with which they were conducted, and the evidence they give of faithful instruction, on the part of the Professors, and of conscientious diligence and generally of commendable proficiency on the part of the students."

The recorded judgment of the Trustees in favor of written examinations has been confirmed by the experience of several years.

Provision has been made for instruction in Elocution, and addresses will be delivered by the students at the anniversaries hereafter, at which time Diplomas will be awarded in lieu of Certificates.

About two hundred volumes have been added to the Library—the whole number of volumes being about eleven thousand two hundred. The Library since the report of 1880 has been removed to the commodious new Library Building.

Measures for improving the public grounds, walks and enclosures, have been adopted. The condition of the Finances will be exhibited in the Appendix to this report.

Acknowledging with profound gratitude the manifest favor of God to this Seminary, in the years that are past, we look to Him for continued direction and blessing.

By order of Trustees and Directors.

J. L. KIRKPATRICK, President.

F. N. WATKINS, Secretary.

Appendix to Report of Union Theological Seminary.

APPENDIX.

During the fiscal year ending 1st April, 1881, some of the matured securities held by the Corporation, have been paid, and some suspended debt due has been finally settled; hence some changes from former reports.

The following Statement exhibits, as at 1st April, 1881, the Corporation

INVESTMENTS.

Long Island Bank, 7 shares		$ 350
St. Louis & Iron Mt. R. R		1,000
Richmond & Danville R. R		7,500
So. Side R. R		4,000
Va. Central R. R		6,000
Montgomery City, Ala		1,200
Nashville, Tenn		1,100
Richmond, Va		8,000
Petersburg, Va		1,000
Western N. C. R. R		10,000
Charlotte A. & A. R. R		11,500
State of Georgia		12,000
State of Va. Reg. and Cons		137,695
North Carolina		3,165
Orange A. & M. G. R R		4,700
		$209,210
Willson Sch'r bonds, unpaid		4,585
Deemed available		$213,795
Des Moines Valley R. R.	$1,000	
A private bond	250	1,250
Total assets		$215,045

From fifteen to twenty thousand additional investments will be made from funds in hand. There exists charges on these investments, for Scholarships $49,000, and to the Library Fund about $5,500.

The officers of the Corporation are as follows, to wit:

Rev. J. L. Kirkpatrick, D. D., of Va., President.

Rev. Dr. A. Martin and Dr. E. N. Hutchison, Vice Presidents.

Judge F. N. Watkins, Farmville, Secretary and Treasurer.

Systematic Benevolence. Orange.

The Professors are Rev. Drs. B. M. Smith, R. L. Dabney, T. E. Peek and H. C. Alexander. The Rev. Dr. Dabney is Clerk of the Faculty; Rev. Dr. Smith, Librarian; Rev. Dr. Peek, Intendant. The title of Coporation is "*The Trustees of the Union Theological Seminary in Va.*" The post office address of the Faculty and students is "Hampden Sidney, Va." The next term begins on 7th day of September, 1881, and ends on the 3rd day of May, 1882.

F. N. WATKINS,
Sec't'y and Treas.

Farmville, Va., 4th May, 1881.

C.

REPORTS OF THE PRESBYTERIES ON SYSTEMATIC BENEVOLENCE.

I.—ORANGE PRESBYTERY.

The Presbytery of Orange respectfully submits to the Synod of North Carolina the following report on Systematic Benevolence for the year ending April, 1881:

Forty Churches	contributed to	Sustentation	$ 517 94
Thirty-nine "	"	Evangelistic Fund	551 04
Thirty-six "	"	Invalid Fund	215 35
Thirty-nine "	"	Foreign Missions	1,088 28
Thirty-one "	"	Education	422 30
Thirty-Five "	"	Publication	167 52
Twenty-two "	"	Tuskaloosa Institute	88 45
Total			$3,050 88

Systematic Benevolence. Concord.

18 Churches contributed to all the objects of benevolence ordered by the General Assembly.

13	Contributed to	six. (6)
2	"	five. (5)
2	"	four. (4)
4	"	three. (3)
2	"	two. (2)
1	"	one. (1)
2	"	none. (0)

Forty Churches reported to the Presbytery. Only one in our bounds, which is Mebaneville, contributed to the General Assembly's Commmittee for Evangelistic Work. That Church contributed $5.00 to that cause.

Respectfully submitted,

F. H. JOHNSTON,
Stated Clerk.

II.—CONCORD PRESBYTERY.

Report of Concord Presbytery to the Synod of North Carolina on Systematic Benevolence, for the year ending 1st April, 1881:

27	Churches contributed to	Sustentation	$	233 00
27	"	Evangelistic Work		562 00
24	"	Invalid Fund		101 00
32	"	Foreign Missions		1,452 00
24	"	Education		1,391 00
27	"	Pulication		139 00
	Total		$	3,878 00

20 of our Churches have contributed to all of the six objects ordered by the General Assembly; 4 to five of them; 2 to four of them; 1 to three of them; 4 to two them; 1 to three of them; and 1 to none of them.

By order of Presbytery.

WM. W. PHARR,
Stated Clerk.

Systematic Benevolence. Fayetteville. Wilmington.

III.—FAYETTEVILLE PRESBYTERY.

The Report of the Presbytery of Fayetteville to the Synod of North Carolina, for the year ending April, 1881.

35	Churches contributed to	Sustentation	$	259 49
31	" "	Evangelistic		264 00
32	" "	Invalid Fund		169 28
34	" "	Foreign Missions		976 16
33	" "	Education		177 57
35	" "	Publication		200 56
22	" "	Tuskaloosa Institute		79 89
	Total			$2,126 95

21 congregations have contributed to all the six objects of benevolence ordered by the General Assembly; 6 have contributed to five of them; 3 have contributed to four of them; 2 have contributed to three of them; 1 has contributed to two of them; 1 has contributed to one of them; 1 has contributed to none of them.

Respectfully submitted,

J. P. McPHERSON,
Stated Clerk.

By order of Presbytery,
Sardis Church, N. C., Oct. 15th, 1881.

IV.—WILMINGTON PRESBYTERY.

Report of the Presbytery of Wilmington to the Synod of North Carolina on Systematic Benevolence, for the year ending 1st April, 1881:

22	Churches have contributed to	Home Missions	$	295 00
21	" "	Evangelistic Fund		142 00
18	" "	Invalid Fund		124 00
21	" "	Foreign Missions		866 00
20	" "	Education		157 00
17	" "	Publication		111 00
24	" "	Presbyterial		319 00
25	" "	Pastor's Salaries Paid		9,716 00
14	" "	Congregational		2,048 00
4	" "	Tuskaloosa Institute		63 00
6	" "	Miscellaneous		382 00
	Total			$14,223 00

Systematic Benevolence. Mecklenburg.

16 Congregations have contributed to all the objects ordered by the General Assembly.

2 Congregations have contributed to four of them.

3 " " three "

2 " " two "

2 " " one "

2 " " none "

6 Churches have failed to report.

By order of the Presbytery,

JAMES M. SPRUNT,
Stated Clerk.

Kenansville, Oct. 12th, 1881.

V.—MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY.

The Presbytery of Mecklenburg report on Systematic Benevolence for the year ending April, 1881:

40	Churches	gave to	Home Missions	$1,547 00
34	"	"	Evangelistic Fund	685 00
32	"	"	Invalid Fund	232 00
37	"	"	Foreign Missions	1,505 00
34	"	"	Education	443 00
29	"	"	Publication	196 00
			Total	$4,608 00

That is to say: More Churches contributed, and the aggregate increase over the previous year is $552, and 8 Churches did not report any contributions to Benevolence, viz: Bethel, Waynesville, Paper Mill, Hiwassee, Rutherfordton, Hephzibah, Machpelah and Sandy Plains.

Respectfully submitted,

By order of Presbytery,
April 16th, 1881.

R. Z. JOHNSTON,
Stated Clerk.

Report of the Treasurer of Synod.

D.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF SYNOD.

GREENSBORO', GUILFORD COUNTY, N. C., November 1, 1881.

REPORT OF TREASURER FROM 9TH NOVEMBER, 1880, TO THIS DATE:

Receipts:

Balance in Treasury, 9th November, 1880				$ 16 56
Fayetteville Presbytery—Assessment for 1880				40 00
Orange " —Balance for 1880				42 94
Mecklenburg " —Balance for 1876			$45 00	
" " —In full for 1877			75 00	
" " —Part of 1878			24 00	
				144 00
Wilmington " —1881 in full				25 00
Orange " —1881 in full				65 00
Total				$333 50

Disbursements:

Wm. S. Lacy, Stated Clerk, Salary and Accounts, from Synod 1879 to Synod 1880	$ 83 62
Printing, Mailing, &c., Minutes of 1880	127 55
Balance on hand this day	122 33
Total	$333 59

The following sums are due to Synod:

Mecklenburg Presbytery—Balance Assessment 1878					$13 50	
" " —Assessment 1879					37 50	
" " — " 1880					37 50	
" " — " 1881					37 50	
						126 00
Concord " — " 1880					37 50	
" " — " 1881					37 50	
						75 00
Fayetteville " — " 1881						40 00
Total						$241 00

The balance of our debt to Union Seminary is $172 25. The Salary and Account of our Stated Clerk for the last twelve months is now due and will be between eighty and eighty-five dollars. The Printing of the Minutes of this Synod will be between one hundred and twenty and one hundred and thirty dollars. So we have to provide for indespensable expenses over two hundred dollars.

The Treasurer of the Seminary has heretofore called upon us for the balance due him, and we have responded when in funds,—but from a late letter I infer that it is not certain that he will or will not present a claim in the future.

The whole amount of assessments on the five Presbyteries is $205 00, not enough to cover our annual expenses, were it not for payments on past delinquencies. Our two regular annual items of expense do not vary very much. Last year the amount was $211 17.

Respectfully submitted,

JESSE H. LINDSAY,
Treasurer of Synod.

E.

STATISTICS OF REPORTS OF SYNODICAL AGENTS.

(In accordance with Rule 26, Standing Rules of Synod.)

I.—SUSTENTATION.

1st. *As to Ministerial Support.*—The Synod has 115 ordained Ministers, 8 Licentiates, and 228 Churches.

It pays in salaries according to the Assembly's minutes, $63,154.

Concord,	23	Ministers, and	2	Licentiates,	pays	$11,389
Fayetteville,	21	" "	0	" "	"	10,187
Mecklenburg,	27	" "	4	" "	"	15,474
Orange,	28	" "	1	" "	"	16,388
Wilmington,	16	" "	1	" "	"	9,716
Synod,	115	" "	8	" "	"	$63,154

Reports of Synodical Agents. Sustentation.

The average salary actually paid laboring Ministers is as follows:

In Concord,	with	3,582	communicants	$599
In Fayetteville,	"	5,113	"	566
In Mecklenburg,	"	4,405	"	736
In Orange,	"	3,724	"	745
In Wilmington,	"	1,758	"	809
In Synod,	"	18,582	" and 92 L. M.	$686

In obtaining this average, only laboring Ministers with charges have been considered.

The average salary thus estimated as paid in the Synod is $35 in advance of last year. But while the general average has thus increased, there has been a marked decrease in the average amount actually paid in Concord, Fayetteville and Wilmington Presbyteries, while the increase is found in Mecklenburg and Orange. If we exclude from our estimate, the salaries paid pastors in the larger cities and towns, the amount received by our Ministers in other fields is painfully small.

But the whole amount paid in salaries, exceeds that of last year by $5,533, and the cause of ministerial support in the Synod has made perceptible and encouraging progress.

It is proper to state that the average salary promised or paid in the different Presbyteries, according to the estimates of Presbyterial Agents, from private sources of information, differs from that given by the statistics of the Assembly's minutes in some cases, and is as follows:

In Concord, $700; Fayetteville, $739; Mecklenburg, $650; Orange, $740; Wilmington, $800.

2d. *As to Sustentation.*—This branch of Home Missions includes all efforts and measures for sustaining gospel ordinances, in our established charges, and especially for supplying our more feeble Churches with houses of worship and the means of grace.

In advancing this cause our Presbyteries sustain Assembly's Home Missions' Committee the following relations:

Concord does not co-operate with it at all.

Fayetteville gives 15 per cent. of receipts.

Mecklenburg contributes 10 per cent.

Orange forwards all its funds for this object to the Assembly's Treasury, and draws what it needs within its own bounds.

Reports of Synodical Agents. Sustentation.

Wilmington, up to the first of last April, gave nothing for this cause to the Assembly's Committee, but is now in full co-operation.

The contributions and disbursements for Sustentation in the several Presbyteries is as follows:

PRESBYTERIES.	Cause.	Assembly's Committee.	Received.	Disbursed.
Concord contributed	$ 209	$ 00	$ 00	$ 215
Fayetteville "	286	42	00	150
Mecklenburg "	876	63	00	700
Orange "	520	520	409	409
Wilmington "	295	00	00	295
In Synod contributed	$2,186	$625	$409	$1,769

Balances from the previous year enabled some of the Presbyteries to disburse during the present year more than their receipts.

The grouping of feeble Churches into pastoral charges, self-sustaining or nearly so, is a measure adopted by all our Presbyteries for promoting Sustentation, and in most of them with a good degree of success.

In Concord, the Churches are so grouped as to have but two vacant, and these are nearly extinct.

In Mecklenburg, the weak Churches have been thus arranged several years, and some of the groups are now being divided into self-supporting pastorates.

In Orange, this policy is still pursued, though its Agent for Home Missions thinks it would accomplish more if the Presbytery would have more regard for the grouping when made.

In Wilmington, efforts are also made in the same direction, six Churches having been recently arranged into two groups.

As the result of these efforts, of the 228 Churches in the Synod, 27 are reported as vacant. In Concord, 1. In Fayetteville, 1. In Mecklenburg, 3. In Orange, 18. In Wilmington, 4. Some of these Churches are almost extinct, and others are making efforts to secure pastors.

In the Presbyteries, some houses of worship have been erected during the year in destitute regions or by established congregations, but the exact number is not specified.

The providing of parsonages for pastoral charges, as a means of sustaining the gospel in our organized Churches, is making some progress in the Synod. Within our bounds there are 25 parsonages, and several of these have been procured during the past year. Concord has 10, Fayetteville 1, Mecklenburg 6, Orange 6, and Wilmington 2.

3d. *As to the Invalid Fund.*—This Fund is raised for aiding disabled ministers, and the widows and orphans of such as have died.

In raising and appropriating this fund, some of the Presbyteries cooperate with the Assembly's Home Missions' Committee, and others act independently.

The contributions and disbursements for this object have been as follows:

PRESBYTERIES.	Cause.	Assembly's Committee.	Received.	Disbursed.
Concord contributed	$ 92	$ 00	$ 00	$ 185
Fayetteville "	208	208	80	80
Mecklenburg "	227	135	144	205
Orange "	220	220	270	250
Wilmington "	124	114	100	100
In Synod	$871	$677	$594	$820

Seven families and four individuals are reported as receiving aid from this Fund.

II.—EDUCATION.

1. The whole number of Candidates for the Gospel ministry under the care of the Presbyteries composing this Synod is 16. Concord Presbytery has 2 Candidates; Mecklenburg, 4; Fayetteville, 3; Orange, 7; Wilmington, none. Of these 16 Candidates, 9 are receiving aid from the Presbyteries, or from private benefactors.

2. Whole amount of money raised the past year for the cause of Education is $2,716. Of this amount Concord Presbytery contributed $1,391; Mecklenburg Presbytery, $443; Fayetteville Presbytery, $221; Orange Presbytery, $504; Wilmington Presbytery, $157.

It is proper to say that of the amount credited to Concord Presbytery the Salisbury church raised $1,005, most of which was expended in the schools of said church.

From the above statistics the following facts can be obtained:

(a.) The number of candidates is substantially the same as in the report made last year.

(b.) The number of beneficiaries is four more than in last year's report.

(c.) The amount of money raised for this cause is $1,222 in excess of the amount given in the last report.

The minutes of our General Assembly for the year 1877 reported 176 candidates for the ministry, while the minutes for the year 1881 report 144.

Thus it is seen that during the period of five years instead of increasing as a Church our number of candidates for the ministry, or even holding our ground, we have 32 less now than five years ago.

In the Northern Presbyterian Church there is to be found a similar decline, though not so great as in our own Church. Their minutes for the year 1878 reported 636 candidates, while in 1881 they report 622, showing a decrease of 14 in four years.

III.—PUBLICATION.

The Presbyteries embraced in this Synod collected for Publication by contribution from the churches for the year ending April 1, 1881, $792; a gain of $11 on the amount reported last year, and of $25 upon that reported the year previous:

Concord Presbytery reports $128; Fayetteville, $197; Mecklenburg, $196; Orange, $160; Wilmington, $111.

According to the report of the Secretary of Publication, the Presbyteries of this Synod forwarded, within the same period, to the Treasurer at Richmond the following amount, viz.:

Concord Presbytery, $21.50; Fayetteville, $133.72; Mecklenburg, $83.21; Orange, $187.51; Wilmington, $101.81. Total, $527.78—about $25 more than last year.

The Presbyteries of Concord and Mecklenburg retain much the larger portion of their collections for the work of Colportage within

their own bounds. The other Presbyteries, so far as can be ascertained, are not doing anything in this direction at present. Although there is a slight increase in the contributions to this cause, it is not sufficient to indicate any appreciable revival of interest in this department of the Church's beneficent work. Eighty-seven (87) of our 228 churches, nearly 30 per cent. of the whole, reported no collection for this cause; and the average contribution was only 4¼ cents per member throughout our bounds.

It is gratifying, however, to learn as we do, from the report of the Secretary, Dr. Hazen, made to the General Assembly of this year, that notwithstanding the grave difficulties and embarrassments which have attended the management of our Publication interests during the past four years, the cause is emerging from them all with prospects of their speedy termination; and with signs of hopeful augury for its future.

The debt has been reduced to about $5,000, with the reasonable prospect of extinction by the end of another fiscal year.

The Sabbath school literature, furnished by our committee, is now complete at last for the thorough equipment and successful prosecution of Sabbath school work. We are glad to note the fact of steady increase in the subscriptions to the *Children's Friend* and *Earnest Worker*, particularly the latter.

IV.—FOREIGN MISSIONS.

During the year ending April 1, 1881, there was raised for Foreign Missions in the bounds of this Synod the sum of $6,734, which is more by $846, than was raised the year before—that is to say:

The last Synodical collection was $105.00; Presbytery of Mecklenburg raised $1,953.00; Presbytery of Concord raised $1,438.00; Presbytery of Orange raised $1,210.00; Presbytery of Fayetteville raised $1,196.00; Presbytery of Wilmington raised $832.00; aggregate, $6,734.00.

The increase was in the Presbyteries of Mecklenburg, $211; Fayetteville, $209; Wilmington, $302. Concord Presbytery reported $85 less than in the previous year, and Orange Presbytery reported the same as in the previous year, $1,210.

The number of churches reported as contributing is the same as last year, 160 out of 228 churches—but the number of churches in the Synod is two more than was reported the year before. (In 1880 there were 226 churches, in 1881 there were reported 228).

Reports of Synodical Agents. Foreign Missions.

The sum raised by Sunday schools is a little more than was raised last year: that is 34 Sunday schools raised $624.

Six Sunday schools in Mecklenburg Presbytery raised $233.00; Eight Sunday schools in Concord Presbytery raised $167.00; Nine Sunday schools in Orange Presbytery raised $136.00; Nine Sunday schools in Fayetteville Presbytery raised $71.00; Two Sunday schools in Wilmington Presbytery raised $17.00; Total, $624 00.

Those in Mecklenburg Presbytery were the Sunday schools in Steele Creek, First and Second Charlotte, Lincolnton, Hopewell and Mallard Creek churches. In Concord Presbytery, those in Lenoir, Morganton, Statesville, (2) Mooresville, Thyatira, Davidson College, and Back Creek churches. In Orange Presbytery, those in Winston, Oxford, Buffalo, Alamance, Newbern, Graham, Hillsboro, Mebaneville, Madison. Those in Fayetteville Presbytery, were in Lumberton, Fayetteville, Lumber Bridge, Bluff, Big Rockfish, Centre, Cedar Spring and Aberdeen churches. In Wilmington Presbytery, in Wilmington First and Mt. Horeb churches.

The number of Ladies' Missionary Aid Societies has increased to fifty-one. In Mecklenburg Presbytery eighteen Ladies' Aid Societies gave $640; in Fayetteville Presbytery fourteen Ladies' Aid Societies gave $488; in Concord Presbytery ten Ladies' Aid Societies gave $350; in Orange Presbytery seven Ladies' Aid Societies gave $229; in Wilmington Presbytery two Ladies' Aid Societies gave $228; aggregating $1,935.

The largest Sunday school contribution was $111.45 by the Sunday school in the First church of Charlotte, and the largest contribution by a Ladies' Aid Society was $316, by that in the First and Second churches in Charlotte. The largest contribution by a single church was $394, by the First church, Wilmington, and the next was $208 by the Statesville church.

Aggregating the sums raised from all sources in the following communities, we have: Charlotte, $756.00, $1.62 per member; Wilmington, $652.00, or $1.80 per member; Statesville, $481, or $2.53 per member; Raleigh, $289.00, or $1.05 per member; Total, $2,178, nearly one-third of all raised in the Synod.

The rate per member (there being 18,582 communicants in the Synod at the last census) in the Synod is 36¼, being about 4 cents higher than it was last year.

Reports of Synodical Agents. Sabbath Schools. Evangelistic Labour.

V.—SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your Agent for Sabbath Schools respectfully reports to the Synod of North Carolina, that we have 146 schools, containing 1,196 teachers, and 9,031 scholars. Thirteen teachers and two hundred and eight scholars (total number 221) have been received into full fellowship with the Church. Contributions for schools and missions reached the sum of $2,954, which is nearly $800 beyond the sum raised last year. As Mecklenburg Presbytery fails to distribute the amounts between the two objects, it is not ascertained exactly what was contributed to each. But it is manifest that much less than one-half of the schools contributed to missions in their schools.

Four Presbyteries, viz.: Concord, Fayetteville, Orange, and Wilmington, report an aggregate increase of 36 teachers and 124 scholars. On this point no report comes from Mecklenburg. Notwithstanding this statement, a comparison with the Synodical report of last year (1889) shows a startling decrease in the Synod of 7 schools, 23 teachers and 500 scholars. Only one-half as many conversions are reported as occurred during last year. Out of our 228 churches 67 fail to report. In Orange Presbytery only has there been an increase of schools, and that is small.

In proportion to its number of Churches, Concord Presbytery has the largest number of Sabbath schools, and appears to teach the doctrinal standard of our Church more generally. On the whole our progress for the past year in this work is not at all satisfactory. More zeal, and prayer, and active, aggressive work should be given to this department of the Church's operations.

VI.—EVANGELISTIC LABOUR.

Orange Presbytery does not co-operate with the Assembly's Committee. Reports 63 Churches; 44 giving to this cause, 19 not giving. Total given for Evangelistic work $592. Has no Evangelist for the whole of his time. Three ministers are engaged partly in this work. Two Churches have been organized. The Presbytery has determined to put an Evangelist in the field as soon as a suitable man can be found. Settled ministers have done some missionary work in the regions beyond, and with good results.

Reports of Synodical Agents. Evangelistic Labour.

CONCORD PRESBYTERY does not co-operate with the Assembly's Committee. Reports on its roll 35 Churches; 27 of these gave to this cause and 8 did not. Total amount raised by this Presbytery for Evangelistic work $562. Has one Evangelist for the whole time and has taken steps to employ another at an early day. Settled Ministers have engaged to some extent in missionary work, and some members have been gathered in from destitute fields.

FAYETTEVILLE PRESBYTERY co-operates with the Assembly's Committee to this extent—giving 15 per cent. of amount contributed and asking nothing. Reports on its roll 50 Churches, 33 contributing and 17 not contributing. Total amount raised for Evangelistic Fund $225. No regular Evangelist, but are endeavoring to get one and to combine with the functions of Evangelist that of colporteur. Many Ministers do Evangelistic work in the destitute regions adjacent to their charges. One Church has been organized.

WILMINGTON PRESBYTERY did not co-operate with the Assembly's Committee. Reports 33 Churches, 20 contributing and 13 not contributing to this cause. Total amount raised for Evangelistic work $142. Has had no regular Evangelist, but settled Ministers have done some missionary work, and a Licentiate labored part of the year upon what could be raised in the field. This Presbytery resolved at its spring meeting to co-operate in full with the Assembly's Committee, and hopes to be able soon to put an Evangelist in the field.

MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY does not co-operate with the Assembly's Committee. This Presbytery reports on its roll 47 Churches, 34 giving to this cause and 13 not giving. Total raised for Evangelistic work $6.85. This Presbytery has one Evangelist for the whole of his time—and two partly engaged in this work. One Church has been organized.

The settled Ministers do a great deal of Missionary work in vacant Churches and destitute fields, and with good results.

SUMMARY.

The Synod of North Carolina has within its bounds five Presbyteries, 228 Churches and 18,582 Communicants, a net gain of two Churches and 226 members—less than an average net increase of one member to each Church.

Of the 228 Churches, 158 have contributed to the Evangelistic Fund, and 70 Churches have not; five more non-contributing Churches than last report.

Reports of Synodical Agents. Evangelistic Labour.

Of the 70 non-contributing Churches Orange has the largest number, viz. : 19, and Concord Presbytery the smallest, viz. : 8.

Total amount contributed in the Synod, $22.06.

Over last report three Presbyteries have increased their contributions, viz. : Orange $92, Fayetteville $45 and Wilmington $90, and two Presbyteries have fallen off, viz. : Concord $38 and Mecklenburg $115. Making a net gain in the Synod of $74.

Orange Presbytery has made the highest average per member, viz. . not quite 16 cents, and Fayetteville Presbytery the lowest—not quite 5 cents per member. Average in the Synod not quite 12 cents per member.

In this work Orange, Concord and Mecklenburg do not co-operate with the Assembly's Committee; Wilmington has not, but has resolved to do so in full. Fayetteville co-operates in part. In the Synod there are but two Evangelists for all their time and five engaged for part of their time.

EVANGELIZATION OF THE COLOURED PEOPLE.

ORANGE PRESBYTERY has one coloured Licentiate, but has transferred their sole Coloured Church (the Newbern Coloured Church) to the Northern Assembly. Several Sabbath schools are taught by white teachers and some preaching done by white Ministers. No collections reported for the cause.

CONCORD PRESBYTERY reports nothing attempted in this direction, as the ground is fully occupied and successfully worked by the Northern Church.

FAYETTEVILLE PRESBYTERY reports no coloured Ministers; two coloured Churches. A white Minister preaches one-fourth of his time to these Churches, and received from the Presbytery $50. Have an annual collection for Evangelistic Fund—only ten of the Churches contributed—raising $31.08. Some Ministers preach regularly to the coloured people.

WILMINGTON PRESBYTERY reports no coloured Ministers, no Churches, nothing raised. Occasional preaching by white Ministers. Field partly occupied by the Northern Assembly.

MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY reports no coloured Ministers, no Churches, no collections for this cause. Occasional preaching and a few Sabbath schools. Part of the field now worked by the Northern Assembly.

F.

STANDING RULES OF SYNOD.

REVISED OCTOBER 16, 1874.

RULE 1.—All excuses for tardiness or absence rendered by members on the floor, or communicated in writing, shall be deemed satisfactory, unless a motion is made and prevails to the contrary.

RULE 2.—It shall be the duty of each member, when providentially prevented from attending the Synod, to address a letter to the Moderator stating reasons for his detention.

RULE 3.—It shall be the duty of the Directors of the Union Theological Seminary, appointed by this Synod, to render their excuse for non-attendance on any meeting of the Board to the Synod; and if any Director shall be absent from any appointed meeting of the Board without assigning a sufficient excuse, his name shall be dropped from the roll, or his seat in the Board shall be declared vacant.

RULE 4.—The Moderator shall at every meeting appoint a Standing Committee on Leave of Absence, and those members who leave the Synod without permission, shall be called to answer for such irregularity at the next meeting, and for this purpose the roll of members shall always be called before the final adjournment.

RULE 5.—The Synod shall call upon Ruling Elders in the same manner as upon its Ministers, for their excuses for tardiness.

RULE 6.—A majority of all the votes given shall be necessary in the election of the officers of the Synod.

RULE 7.—It shall be the duty of the Stated Clerks of the Presbyteries to transmit to the Stated Clerk of the Synod a correct and certified Roll of the Ministers, and another one of the Churches, at least ten days previous to each meeting of the Synod.

RULE 8.—It shall be the duty of the Stated Clerk, whenever necessary, to issue and sign certificates for the return of members and their families on the railroads of the State to their homes.

Standing Rules, Continued.

RULE 9.—It shall be the duty of the Stated Clerk to deposit with the Librarian of the Union Theological Seminary, and also the Librarian of Davidson College, a complete series of the Minutes of the Synod as far as published. The Presbyteries composing this body are requested to do the same with their Minutes when published.

RULE 10.—It shall be the duty of the Stated Clerk to publish in the Appendix to the printed Minutes, a list of the Ministers of the Synod, with their postoffices.

RULE 11.—The Stated Clerk shall have printed every year on the last page of the Minutes, a carefully prepared Docket of the business of the Synod at its next annual meeting.

RULE 12.—It shall be a standing Rule of this Synod to publish the names of the Ruling Elders and Deacons belonging to the Churches under its care, in the Appendix to the Minutes, at least once in every five years. And it is enjoined upon the Stated Clerks of the several Presbyteries, to forward to the Stated Clerk of the Synod, when called for, a correct list of the names of the Elders and Deacons, and their postoffices, in the different Churches.

RULE 13.—Agents shall be appointed on each of the following objects of Christian Benevolence, viz.: Foreign Missions, Sustentation, Education and Publication. And it shall be the duty of these Agents to take into consideration the whole field committed to their supervision, and to present at each meeting of Synod a written report of all that is doing within the bounds of the Synod on the subjects severally assigned to them; and the consideration of these reports shall be a special order at each meeting of Synod.

RULE 14.—The Chairman of the Sustentation Committee in each Presbytery is instructed to furnish the Synodical Agent on this subject such facts and figures as will inform him of what has been done the previous year within their bounds. And this information shall be furnished on or before the second day of the session of Synod, each year.

RULE 15.—The subject of Systematic Benevolence shall be made a standing item on the Docket of Synod, and the Presbyteries shall be called upon to make annual reports of their diligence in this matter.

RULE 16.—An Agent on Sabbath Schools shall be appointed, who shall present annually before the Synod as full a report as possible of

Standing Rules, Continued.

the condition and growth and prospects of the Sabbath School cause. And the Stated Clerks of the Presbyteries are directed to send a copy of the annual reports to the General Assembly on Sabbath Schools, to the Synodical Agent.

RULE 17.—That the Treasurer of Synod be instructed to send annually to the Treasurer of Union Theological Seminary, an amount sufficient to pay the travelling expenses of the North Carolina Directors.

RULE 18.—It shall be the duty of the Trustees of the Synod to present annually a full written report of the funds in their hands.

RULE 19.—Presbyteries are required to forward the reports of their Agents of Foreign Missions, Education and Publication to the Synod's Agents, respectively, before the annual meeting.

RULE 20.—The Standing Rules of Synod shall be published annually in the Appendix to the Minutes of Synod. (See Records, October 16, 1874, page 333.)

RULE 21.—The Parliamentary Rules adopted by the General Assembly of 1866, and since that time observed by them, are the Rules for the guidance of this Synod. (See Records, October 14, 1875, page 362.)

RULE 22.—The reports of Presbyteries to the Synod on Systematic Benevolence shall extend from April 1st to April 1st, of each year. (See Records, October 16, 1875, page 392.)

RULE 23.—The Trustees of Synod shall be elected every four years, beginning with the meeting held in Greensboro, October, 1875. (See Records, October 16, 1875, page 399.)

RULE 24.—A Committee shall be appointed at each annual meeting to whom the statistical reports of the Presbyteries shall be referred. And this Committee shall report to Synod any matter contained in these reports calling for action by this body. (See Records, October 19, 1876, page 414.)

RULE 25.—It shall be the duty of the Stated Clerk, immediately after each Stated Meeting, to write to each absentee and to each session not represented, and to inform them that the Synod requires them to report the reason for such absence. (See Records, October 27, 1877, page 44.)

RULE 26.—That the Stated Clerk of Synod be directed to publish in

Standing Rules, Concluded.

the Appendix to the Minutes, the statistics of the annual reports of Synodical Agents, when approved by Synod, and furnish the extended reports, when approved, to the editor of the *North Carolina Presbyterian*, with a request to publish. (See Records, October 26, 1876, page 102.)

RULE 27.—That the Synod will hold a Missionary Meeting on Friday night of each session; that the Agent, in addition to reading his report, be directed to secure addresses on the subject, and that a collection shall, in connection with these services, be taken up for this cause. (See Records, October 26, 1878, page 103.)

RULE 28.—That Synod hereby appoint a Synodical Agent of Evangelistic Labour, to consider and report annually on white and coloured Evangelization in its bounds. (See Records, October 24, 1879, page 141.)

RULE 29.—That the Stated Clerk, the Pastor of the Church in which the Synod holds its annual session, and the Delegate of the Session of said Church, be constituted a Committee of Enrollment, who shall at a convenient hour before the opening of the Synod, prepare the Roll of the Synod after the manner of the preparation of the Roll of the Assembly. And to this Committee of Enrollment shall each member report for enrollment upon appearing at Synod. (See Records, October 25, 1879, page 166. Amended November 5th, 1881. See Records, page 229.)

RULE 30.—That all excuses of absentees and for tardiness be referred to the Committee on Leave of Absence. (See Records, November 13th, 1880, page 195.)

RULE 31.—That the reports of the Presbyteries to the Synod on Systematic Beneficence, be referred to a Standing Committee on Systematic Beneficence, who shall tabulate the same, and report to the Synod, recommending any action called for on the subject. (See Records, November 5th, 1881, page 228.)

RULE 32.—That at each meeting of the Synod a Standing Committee on the Synodical Records be appointed to examine the same and report thereon. (See Records, November, 1881, page 229.)

Moderators of the Synod of North Carolina.

G.

GENERAL DIRECTORY.

MODERATORS OF THE SYNOD OF NORTH CAROLINA.

	Moderators.	*Place of Meeting.*
1813.	*Rev. Robert H. Chapman	Alamance Church.
1814.	*Rev. Samuel C. Caldwell	Thyatira Church
1815.	*Rev. William McPheeters	Fayetteville.
1816.	*Rev. John Robinson	Raleigh.
1817.	No meeting—no quorum present	Rocky River.
1818.	*Rev. Joseph Caldwell, D. D	Fayetteville.
1819.	*Rev. Jonathan Otis Freeman, D.D.	Raleigh.
1820.	*Rev. William Paisley	Poplar Tent.
1821.	*Rev. John M. Wilson	Salisbury.
1822.	*Rev. John Robinson	Hillsborough.
1823.	*Rev. John Witherspoon	Fayetteville.
1824.	*Rev. Colin McIver	Statesville.
1825.	*Rev. John B. Davis	Greensborough.
1826.	*Rev. William McPheeters, D. D.	Fayetteville.
1827.	Rev. R. H. Morrison, D. D	Salisbury.

The Stated Clerk has no record of this and the two succeeding meetings.

1828.	*Rev. Lemuel D. Hatch	Raleigh.
1829.	*Rev. John Williamson	Fayetteville.
1830.	*Rev. Samuel L. Graham	Hopewell.
1831.	*Rev. Hiram P. Goodrich	Hillsborough.
1832.	Rev. Samuel Williamson	Salisbury.
1833.	*Rev. Henry A. Rowland	Wilmington.
1834.	*Rev. James W. Douglas	Oxford.
1835.	*Rev. Henry N. Pharr	Salisbury.
1836.	*Rev. Joseph Brown	Fayetteville.
1837.	*Rev. N. H. Harding	Shiloh.
1838.	*Rev. Stephen Frontis	Third Creek Church.
1839.	*Rev. Daniel A. Penick	Lincolnton.

*Deceased.

Moderators of the Synod of North Carolina.

	Moderators.	*Place of Meeting.*
1840.	*Rev. Alexander Wilson, D. D.	Danville, Virginia.
1841.	*Rev. William N. Peacock	Fayetteville.
1842.	*Rev. Walter S. Pharr	Poplar Tent.
1843.	*Rev. James Phillips	Raleigh.
1844.	*Rev. Simeon Colton	Fayetteville.
1845.	Rev. Samuel Williamson	Charlotte.
1846.	Rev. Drury Lacy	Greensborough.
1847.	Rev. Evander McNair	Fayetteville.
1848.	*Rev. Cyrus Johnston	Salisbury.
1849.	*Rev. John A. Gretter	Hillsborough.
1850.	*Rev. Adam Gilchrist	Centre.
1851.	*Rev. Archibald Baker	Rocky River.
1852.	*Rev. William N. Mebane	Danville, Virginia.
1853.	Rev. Hector McLean	Wilmington.
1854.	*Rev. A. L. Watts	Concord.
1855.	*Rev. Eli W. Caruthers, D. D.	Greensborough.
1856.	Rev. Neill McKay	Fayetteville.
1857.	Rev. Walter W. Pharr	Charlotte.
1858.	*Rev. Jacob Doll	Newbern.
1859.	*Rev. F. K. Nash	Wilmington.
1860.	*Rev. R. H. Lafferty	Statesville.
1861.	*Rev. Edward Hines	Raleigh.
1862.	*Rev. John M. Sherwood	Goldsborough.
1863.	*Rev. R. N. Davis	Salisbury.
1864.	*Rev. A. G. Hughes	Greensborough.
1865.	Rev. Colin Shaw	Fayetteville.
1866.	Rev. R. Hett Chapman, D. D.	Charlotte.
1867.	Rev. Archibald Currie	Newbern.
1868.	Rev. D. D. McBryde	Wilmington.
1869.	*Rev. Jesse Rankin	Morganton.
1870.	*Rev. S. A. Stanfield	Raleigh.
1871.	Rev. J. P. McPherson	Fayetteville.
1872.	Rev. Arnold W. Miller, D. D.	Charlotte.
1873.	Rev. James M. Sprunt	Wilmington.
1874.	Rev. J. Rumple	Concord.
1875.	Rev. P. H. Dalton	Greensborough.
1876.	Rev. Martin McQueen	Fayetteville.
1877.	*Rev. John Douglas	Charlotte.

*Deceased.

Officers and Appointees of Synod.

	Moderators.	*Place of Meeting.*
1878.	Rev. Joseph R. Wilson, D. D.	Goldsborough.
1879.	Rev. E. F. Rockwell	Statesville.
1880.	Rev. J. Henry Smith, D. D.	Raleigh.
1881.	Rev. H. G. Hill, D. D.	Salisbury.

STATED CLERKS OF THE SYNOD OF NORTH CAROLINA.

1813.	*Rev. Robert H. Chapman.	1855.	*Rev. Archibald Baker.
1818.	*Rev. Colin McIver.	1859.	*Rev. Jacob Doll.
1849.	Rev. Drury Lacy.	1878.	Rev. William S. Lacy.

UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY—MEMBERS OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS FROM THE SYNOD OF NORTH CAROLINA.

FIRST CLASS—TO SERVE FOUR YEARS.

Rev. F. H. Johnston,
Rev. Joseph M. Atkinson, D. D., Mr. Alexander Sprunt, Ruling Elder; to go out in 1885.

SECOND CLASS—TO SERVE THREE YEARS.

Rev. J. H. Smith, D. D.,
Rev. H. G. Hill, D. D., Dr. E. Nye Hutchison, Ruling Elder; to go out in 1884.

THIRD CLASS—TO SERVE TWO YEARS.

Rev. Walter W. Pharr, D. D.,
Rev. Wm. S. Lacy, Mr. W. Murdoch, Ruling Elder; to go out in 1883.

FOURTH CLASS—TO SERVE ONE YEAR.

Rev. J. Rumple,
Rev. B. F. Marable, Mr. R. I. McDowell, Ruling Elder; to go out in 1882.

AGENTS OF SYNOD.

Rev. R. Z. Johnston.....Agent of Foreign Missions.
Rev. H. G. Hill, D. D.....Agent of Sustentation.
Rev. L. McKinnon.....Agent of Education.
Rev. F. H. Johnston.....Agent of Publication.
Rev. L. C. Vass.....Agent of Sabbath Schools
Rev. C. M. Payne.....Agent of Evangelistic Labour

Officers and Appointees of Synod.

TREASURER OF SYNOD.

Mr. Jesse H. Lindsay.....Greensborough.

TRUSTEES OF SYNOD—TO SERVE FOUR YEARS.

Colonel John E. Brown, *Chairman*.....Charlotte.
Colonel J. B. Rankin.....Charlotte.
Mr. J. L. Brown.....Charlotte.
Mr. R. I. McDowell.....Charlotte.
Mr. J. H. Welbourne.....Lexington.
Mr. D. F. Cannon.....Concord.

To go out in 1883.

SYNODICAL HISTORICAL COMMITTEE.

(To co-operate with the Presbyterian Historical Society.)

Rev. Wm. S. Lacy, *Chairman, ex-officio*....Jonesborough.
Rev. E. F. Rockwell.....Cool Spring.
Rev. L. C. Vass.....Newbern.

SYNODICAL EVANGELISTIC COMMITTEE.

(Entrusted with Superintendence of Synodical Missionary Work.)

Rev. Charles M. Payne, *Chairman*.....Wilmington.
Rev. H. G. Hill, D. D.....Fayetteville.
Rev. J. Rumple.....Salisbury.
Rev. G. D. Parks.....Charlotte.
Rev. J. C. Alexander.....Greensborough.

SYNODICAL MISSIONARIES ELECT.

Rev. D. E. Jordan.....Henderson.
Rev. W. E. McIlwain.....Huntersville.

Presbyterial Clerks. Roll of Ministers. Orange.

SYNODICAL COMMITTEE OF SOLICITATION.

(To secure Funds for carrying on Synodical Missionary Work.)

George Allen, *Chairman*.....Newbern.
Wm. R. Kenan.....Wilmington.
S. H. Wiley.....Salisbury.
E. T. McKethan.....Fayetteville.
General R. D. Johnston.....Charlotte.

STATED CLERKS OF PRESBYTERIES.

Orange.—Rev. F. H. Johnston.....Winston.
Concord.—Rev. William W. Pharr.....Mount Mourne.
Fayetteville.—Rev. J. P. McPherson.....Fayetteville.
Wilmington.—Rev. J. M. Sprunt, D. D.....Kenansville.
Mecklenburg.—Rev. R. Z. Johnston.....Lincolnton.

ROLL OF MINISTERS IN THE SYNOD OF NORTH CAROLINA.

1.—ORANGE PRESBYTERY.

Ministers.	*Post Office.*
1. Robert Burwell	Raleigh.
2. George W. Ferrill	Tally Ho.
3. Drury Lacy, D. D	Jonesborough.
4. A. Currie	South Lowell.
5. Thomas U. Faucette	Milton.
6. Joseph M. Atkinson, D. D	Raleigh.
7. P. H. Dalton	High Point.
8. J. Henry Smith, D. D	Greensborough.
9. F. H. Johnston	Winston.
10. D. E. Jordan	Henderson.
11. James C. Alexander	Greensborough.
12. C. N. Morrow	Mebaneville.
13. Charles Phillips, D. D	Chapel Hill.
14 C. H. Wiley, D. D	Winston.
15. William B. Tidball	Greensborough.

Roll of Ministers, Orange, Concord.

	Ministers.	*Post Office.*
16.	L. C. Vass	Newbern.
17.	John W. Primrose	Oxford.
18.	H. T. Darnall	Durham.
19.	Cornelius Miller	Madison.
20.	T. J. Allison	Mebaneville.
21.	James L. Currie	Chapel Hill.
22.	Samuel M. Smith	Washington.
23.	P. R. Law	Pittsborough.
24.	John S. Watkins	Raleigh.
25.	D. Irvin Craig	Reidsville.
26.	L. H. Baldwin	Address unknown.
27.	A. M. Watson	Lexington.
28.	George Summey	Graham.
29.	R. A. Wailes	Tarborough.

II.—CONCORD PRESBYTERY.

	Ministers.	*Post Office.*
1.	T. P. Johnston	Park Spring, Danville, Va.
2.	E. F. Rockwell	Cool Spring, N. C.
3.	T. N. Paxton	Marion.
4.	P. T. Penick	Mooresville.
5.	B. L. Beall	Lenoir.
6.	A. L. Crawford	Mocksville.
7.	P. M. Custer	Mulberry, Tenn.
8.	W. A. Wood, D. D.	Statesville.
9.	J. Rumple	Salisbury.
10.	Wm. W. Pharr	Mount Mourne.
11.	A. D. Hepburn, D. D.	Davidson College.
12.	R. B. Anderson	Morganton.
13.	J. H. Colton	Morganton.
14.	John W. Davis	Soochow, China.
15.	L. McKinnon	Concord.
16.	T. G. Thurston	Taylorsville.
17.	J. M. Wharey	Harrisburg.
18.	L. K. Glasgow	Davidson College.
19.	J. H. Thornwell	Concord.
20.	R. W. Boyd	Wood Leaf.

Roll of Ministers. Concord. Fayetteville. Wilmington.

Ministers.	*Post Office.*
21. P. P. Winn	Statesville.
22. J. A. Ramsay	Mill Bridge.
23. F. P. Harrell	Mooresville.
24. J. N. H. Summerell	Springsville.

III.—FAYETTEVILLE PRESBYTERY.

Ministers.	*Post Office.*
1. Hector McLean	Melrose.
2. Evander McNair, D. D	Red Banks.
3. James P. McPherson	Fayetteville.
4. Neill McKay, D. D	Summerville.
5. George M. Gibbs	Fayetteville.
6. Andrew McMillan	Laurel Hill Depot.
7. D. D. McBryde	Little River Academy.
8. Martin McQueen	Carthage.
9. S. C. Alexander	Wadesborough.
10. James McQueen	Swann's Station.
11. N. T. Bowden	Little's Mills.
12. Joseph Evans	St. Paul's
13. Archibald McQueen	Montpelier.
14. John H. Coble	Laurinburgh.
15. H. G. Hill, D. D	Fayetteville.
16. David Fairley	Manchester.
17. A. N. Ferguson	Laurinburgh.
18. K. M. McIntyre	Butler's Ford.
19. William S. Lacy	Jonesborough.
20. Roger Martin	Shoe Heel.
21. Daniel A. McRae	Melrose.

IV.—WILMINGTON PRESBYTERY.

Ministers.	*Post Office.*
1. Duncan B. Black	Burgaw.
2. Colin Shaw	Gravelly Hill.
3. James M. Sprunt, D. D	Kenansville.
4. B. F. Marable	Mount Olive.

Roll of Ministers. Wilmington. Mecklenburg.

	Ministers.	*Post Office.*
5.	S. H. Isler	Goldsborough.
6.	James Kelly	Clarkton.
7.	A. McFadyen	Elizabethtown.
8.	A. Kirkland	Teachey's.
9.	Joseph R. Wilson, D. D.	Wilmington.
10.	C. M. Payne	Wilmington.
11.	G. W. McMillan	Burgaw.
12.	K. McDonald	Jericho.
13.	Robert Hett Chapman, D. D.	Goldsborough.
14.	J. S. Black	Burgaw.
15.	R. B. McAlpine	Goldsborough.

V.—MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY.

	Ministers.	*Post Office.*
1.	Robert H. Morrison, D. D.	Lowesville.
2.	James E. Morrison	Morven.
3.	James D. Hall	Garibaldi.
4.	William N. Morrison	Asheville.
5.	William Graves	Mills River.
6.	L. R. McAboy, D. D.	Lynn.
7.	Walter W. Pharr, D. D.	Alexandriana.
8.	A. W. Miller, D. D.	Charlotte.
9.	D. T. Towles	Crab Tree.
10.	William B. Corbett	Pleasant Ridge.
11.	G. D. Parks	Charlotte.
12.	S. Taylor Martin	Mills River.
13.	E. H. Harding, D. D.	Charlotte.
14.	R. Z. Johnston	Lincolnton.
15.	William A. McDonald	Charlotte.
16.	John J. Kennedy	Gastonia.
17.	William H. Davis	Brevard.
18.	William E. McIlwaine	Huntersville.
19.	S. H. Chester	Lowesville.
20.	G. S. Robinson	Pineville.
21.	J. F. Latimer	Davidson College.
22.	R. A. Miller	Monroe.

Roll of Ministers. Mecklenburg.

	Ministers.	*Post Office.*
23.	W. M. McGilvary	Rutherfordton.
24.	J. P. Gammon	Asheville.
25.	G. L. Cook	Charlotte.
26.	M. R. Kirkpatrick	Franklin.
27.	W. R. Atkinson	Charlotte.
28.	D. P. Robinson	Charlotte.
29.	J. T. Plunkett	Charlotte.
30.	J. L. Williams	Wadesborough.
31.	Walter W. Moore	Asheville.

DAILY ORDER OF BUSINESS.

[From 22nd Rule of the Rules of Parliamentary Order. Approved by the Synod—See Standing Rule 21.]

1. Prayer.
2. Minutes read.
3. Presentation of Papers:
   a. Communications addressed to the body;
   b. Reports of Standing Committees;
   c. Reports of Select Committees;
   d. Resolutions.

[Each of which papers may, by unanimous consent, be taken up immediately on presentation, but if objection be made, it shall be docketed.]

4. The Unfinished Business in which the Court was engaged at the last preceding adjournment in preference to the Orders of the Day.

[But such unfinished business may, on motion, without debate, be laid on the table, to proceed with the special order.]

5. The Order of the Day.
6. Regular Docket.

[Motions to elect Officers, to appoint committees, and to enroll members, (and questions of privilege,) shall always be in order, unless a member is speaking or the Court is voting.]

Docket.

DOCKET

OF THE SIXTY-NINTH SESSION OF THE SYNOD OF NORTH CAROLINA, TO BE HELD IN THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, ASHEVILLE, N. C., ON WEDNESDAY, THE 27TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1882, AT 7½ O'CLOCK, P. M.

I. Prayer.

II. Report of Committee of Enrollment.

III. Moderator chosen.

IV. Temporary Clerks chosen.

V. Minutes of the last meeting of Synod read.

VI. Standing Committees announced :

1. Bills and Overtures.
2. Judicial Committee.
3. Address to the Churches on the State of Religion.
4. Systematic Beneficence. (Rule 31.)
5. Minutes of the General Assembly.
6. Union Theological Seminary.
7. Treasurer's Books.
8. Report of the Trustees of Synod.
9. Devotional Exercises.
10. Statistical Reports of the Presbyteries. (Rule 24.)
11. Synodical Records. (Rule 32.)
12. Leave of Absence.

VII. Committees to review Records of Presbyteries announced :

1. Orange.
2. Concord.
3. Fayetteville.
4. Wilmington.
5. Mecklenburg.

VIII. Excuses for absence from last meeting of Synod referred. (Rule 30.)

Docket.

List of Ministers absent without excuse rendered:

Orange.—George W. Ferrill, Drury Lacy, D. D., A. Currie, John S. Watkins, D. Irvin Craig, L. H. Baldwin, R. A. Wailes.

Concord—T. N. Paxton, P. M. Custer, J. W. Davis, L. K. Glasgow, F. P. Harrell.

Fayetteville—E. McNair, D. D., N. McKay, D. D., A. McMillan, D. D. McBryde, N. T. Bowden, A. McQueen, J. H. Coble, D. Fairley.

Wilmington—D. B. Black, C. Shaw, B. F. Marable, S. H. Isler, Jos. R. Wilson, D. D., G. W. McMillan, K. McDonald, J. S. Black, R. B. McAlpine.

Mecklenburg—R. H. Morrison, D. D., J. E. Morrison, J. D. Hall, W. N. Morrison, W. Graves, L. R. McAboy, D. D., A. W. Miller, D. D., S. T. Martin, E. H. Harding, D. D., S. H. Chester, G. S. Robinson, M. R. Kirkpatrick, W. R. Atkinson.

IX. Statistical Reports of the Presbyteries referred. (Rule 24.)

1. Orange.
2. Concord.
3. Fayetteville.
4. Wilmington.
5. Mecklenburg.

X. Narratives of the State of Religion referred:

1. Orange.
2. Concord.
3. Fayetteville.
4. Wilmington.
5. Mecklenburg.

XI. Reports of the Presbyteries on Systematic Benevolence referred:

1. Orange.
2. Concord.
3. Fayetteville.
4. Wilmington.
5. Mecklenburg.

XII. Reports of the Directors of Union Theological Seminary, read and referred.

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XIII. Appointment of Directors of Union Theological Seminary referred.

[*Note.*—The term of office of the Fourth Class expires at this meeting of the Synod, viz: Rev. J. Rumple, Rev. B. F. Marable and Mr. R. I. McDowell, Ruling Elder.]

XIV. Synodical and Presbyterial Records referred:

1. Orange.
2. Concord.
3. Fayetteville.
4. Wilmington.
5. Mecklenburg.
6. The Synod.

XV. Report of the Trustees of the Synod (Col. John E. Brown, Chairman,) read and referred.

XVI. Report of the Treasurer of the Synod (Mr. J. H. Lindsay) read and referred.

XVII. Appointments of Orders of the Day (Minutes 1881, p. 243.)

XVIII. Reports of the Synodical Agents read:

1. Sustentation—Rev. H. G. Hill.
2. Education—Rev. L. McKinnon.
3. Publication—Rev. F. H. Johnston.
4. Foreign Missions—Rev. R. Z. Johnston.
5. Sabbath Schools—Rev. L. C. Vass.
6. Evangelistic Labour—Rev. C. M. Payne.

XIX. Reports of Synodical Committees:

1. Historical Committee—Rev. Wm. S. Lacy, Chairman,
2. Evangelistic Committee—Rev. C. M. Payne, Chairman.

XX. Reports of Synodical Home Missionaries: Rev. D. E. Jordan and Rev. W. E. McIlwaine.

XXI. Special Reports ordered by the last Meeting of Synod:

1. Minute of the death of Rev. Edward Hines—Rev. D. E. Jordan, Chairman. (Minutes, 1881, p. 244.)

Docket.

2. Report on the Standing Rules—Rev. W. S. Lacy, Chairman, (Minutes, 1881, p. 256.)

3. Paper touching the Evangelization of the Coloured People—Rev. L. C. Vass. (Minutes, 1881, p. 256.)

XXII. Synodical Missionary Meeting, on Friday night, as provided for by Rule 27.

XXIII. Time and Place of next Meeting of Synod chosen.

XXIV. How many copies of the Minutes shall be published?

XXV. Statistical Report of the Synod to the General Assembly adopted.

XXVI. Roll called before final adjournment. (Rule 4.)

XXVII. Minutes read and approved

XXVIII. Adjournment, with Singing, Prayer and the Apostolic Benediction.

D.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF SYNOD.

THE REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE SYNOD OF NORTH CAROLINA, TO THE SYNOD HELD AT ASHEVILLE, N. C., SEPTEMBER 27TH, 1882.

The Trustees of your venerable body respectfully report:

That they still hold in their custody all the notes which they received from their predecessors in office, to wit:

One note on James H. Stevenson, dated 22d August, 1848, for $126.26—credit April 11th, 1854, $76.45.

One note on James H. Stevenson, dated January 17th, 1860, for $17.87.

One note on James Lyon and James H. Stevenson, August 22d, 1848, for $45.50—credit January 15th, 1854, $22; May 22d, 1854, 50 cents.

One note on same, August 22d, 1848, $43.40.

One note on R. F. Simonton, Treasurer Board of Trustees of Concord Female College, 12th October, 1869, $1,468.34.

That the notes on J. H. Stevenson and the Concord Female College are worthless, the said Stevenson having died without property, and the property of Concord Female College having been sold to satisfy a mortgage to Davidson College. That James Lyon has recently died, leaving a very small estate, and your Trustees will use every means to secure what they can of the notes against him.

That no further business has come before your Trustees.

By order of the Board,

J. E. BROWN, Chairman.

E.

REPORT OF THE EVANGELISTIC COMMITTEE.

In order that this Synod may understand fully the report we are now obliged to make, we beg leave to read from the Minutes of the last meeting of Synod the following:

In view of the fact that there are in the bounds of the Synod about 53 counties of the 94, and about 500,000 people destitute, or nearly so, of any church ministrations of our faith and order, and as this destitution is so unequally distributed among the Presbyteries that some of them cannot possibly, for at least a number of years, occupy their destitute regions:

The following scheme of Synodical missionary labor is presented to the Synod for its careful consideration, and, if found practicable, for adoption.

1. That this Synod appoint two ministers to labor in the destitute regions of our bounds, and that Presbyteries comprising this Synod be requested to authorize these ministers to labor in their bounds as evangelists.

2. That a Committee, consisting of Mr. George Allen, of Orange Presbytery; Mr. Wm. R. Kenan, of Wilmington Presbytery; Mr. S. H. Wiley, of Concord Presbytery; Mr. E. T. McKethan, of Fayetteville Presbytery, and General R. D. Johnston, of Mecklenburg Presbytery, be appointed to raise the sum of $3,000, not by ordinary church collections, but by special efforts among individuals of means and such as feel an interest in this work.

3. That these Home Missionaries appointed by Synod are not to enter upon their work until the Chairman of the Committee appointed to raise the funds shall report to the Chairman of the Committee of Synodical Evangelistic Labor that the necessary funds have been secured.

4. That Rev. C. M. Payne, Rev. H. G. Hill, D. D., Rev. J. Rumple, Rev. G. D. Parks and Rev. J. C. Alexander, or their successors in office, as Chairmen of Home Missions in their respective Presbyteries, be appointed a Synodical Evangelistic Committee, to superintend the general conduct of this work, and, if necessary between the meetings of Synod, fill vacancies by election.

5. That, in order to prevent any conflict between Presbyterial and

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Synodical rights and duties, these Home Missionaries shall labor in any Presbytery only when invited by the Chairman of Home Missions in that Presbytery, and then in conformity to the suggestions of the local authorities of said Presbytery.

It was ordered that a Special Committee of five be appointed to nominate two brethren to act as Synodical Missionaries in accordance with the foregoing action.

The Moderator appointed the following Committee: D. E. Jordan, L. McKinnon, C. M. Payne, A. G. Neel and S. C. Rankin.

The Special Committee appointed to nominate Synodical Missionaries, in accordance with the action taken touching the supply of destitution by Synodical effort, reported, recommending the Rev. D. E. Jordan, of Orange Presbytery, and the Rev. W. E. McIlwain, of Mecklenburg Presbytery. The report was accepted and adopted, and these brethren were duly chosen Synodical Missionaries.

Immediately after Synod acting upon the fourth of the above resolutions your Committee, through its Chairman, communicated with the Home Missionaries elected and with each member of the Finance Committee, and urged upon all concerned prompt and zealous efforts to carry out the design of the Paper. Your Chairman made repeated and persistent efforts in this direction, and each member of the Synodical Committee gave his personal influence and attention to the scheme in his own Presbytery. The Chairman of the Finance Committee, in his efforts to come up to the requirements of Resolution 2, had frequent communications with the other members of the Finance Committee, and faithful efforts were made by these to raise the money required.

At Salisbury, North Carolina, on February 7th, at 7½ o'clock P. M., a meeting of your Committee was held, a quorum being present. After carefully considering letters from the absent members of the Committee, from the Chairman of the Finance Committee and the Home Missionaries chosen, the following action was taken:

WHEREAS, Rev. D. E. Jordan has signified his acceptance, and Rev. W. E. McIlwain his declinature, of the position of Synodical Missionary, and Mr. George Allen, Chairman of the Finance Committee, has reported that a sufficient amount of money had not yet been received to justify the Committee in beginning the work; therefore be it

Resolved, 1. That the Rev. L. McKinnon, of Concord Presbytery, be elected to fill the vacancy occasioned by the declinature of the Rev. W. E. McIlwain.

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2. Since by the terms of the resolution of Synod under which we are acting nothing can be done by us until the funds are raised, the Finance Committee is respectfully urged to use all diligence to procure the full sum proposed for this work as soon as possible.

3. In view of the difficulty of securing competent men to enter upon this work, unless there be a prospect of making our scheme permanent, the Finance Committee is requested to devise some plan for securing the amount required year after year.

C. M. PAYNE.

After due consideration Rev. L. McKinnon declined.

In accordance with the above a meeting of our Finance Committee was held at Raleigh, North Carolina, February 24th. It was found that there had been promised, conditionally, in Orange Presbytery, about $600; in Wilmington Presbytery about $300; in Concord Presbytery about $300; in Fayetteville Presbytery nothing. Mecklenburg Presbytery having employed an additional Evangelist, nothing could be secured for our scheme there. The amount promised in Orange conditional, that two unobjectionably good men could be secured, and in all the Presbyteries that the full amount be secured.

This Committee reported that there was no prospect of obtaining the required $3,000 by the present plan, and claimed that if we would have success some plan must be devised that will work for several years and enlist the co-operation of the Presbyteries and of each church within our borders.

The last report from the Chairman of the Finance Committee is to the effect that no more money could be secured. Of the amounts promised, after it became evident that the scheme of Synod could not be made practical, some was turned over to the respective Presbyteries by the donors, and some was retained by the donors, so that the Committee could report *no* money secured unconditionally, and for this reason your Committee is now obliged to report that they have failed to carry out the scheme and that the plan to raise the money has been unsuccessful. The scheme has failed to enlist the endorsement and co-operation of our Presbyteries, and has met with decided opposition all over the Synod as being inexpedient and impracticable.

It is with much regret that we can present no more encouraging report, and yet, feeling assured that this Synodical movement has had much to do with the greatly increased activity manifested by our Presbyteries in this important work, your Committee respectfully submits the above, and requests to be discharged.

C. M. PAYNE, Chairman

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F.

PAPER TOUCHING THE EVANGELIZATION OF THE COLORED PEOPLE.

Under special direction of the last Synod of North Carolina (printed Minutes 1881, p. 256) the following thoughts upon the subject of Negro-Evangelization are respectfully submitted for your mature consideration:

No more important or imposing problem demands our earnest and prayerful attention than our relations and duties to the negro race, now freed in our midst by God's providence. No problem is vexed with greater incertitudes and difficulties, or fraught with sharper dangers or richer glories. Quicksands with remorseless depths await us as victims, on one hand, and the retributive justice of God upon recreant servants on the other. Under a dark sky, we burden the threatening gloom with constant cries for safety from dread Scylla and thundering Charibdis. Well may this be so when we consider

THE WORK TO BE DONE.

In looking into this subject a great mass of documents and statistics has been accumulated, and it would be easy and profitable to hold your attention for a considerable time by interesting extracts and suggestive facts and figures. I will not, however, do this, but endeavor briefly to present the whole problem.

At our doors live nearly seven million (7,000,000) negroes. Since the Revolution of 1776 they have grown to this number from seven hundred thousand (700,000). Thus their increase has been nearly ten-fold. From 1860 to 1870 their ratio of increase—as reported, probably imperfectly—was about five and a-half per cent. But by 1880 they had increased at the rate of thirty-four per cent., while the white population of the South showed an increase of only twenty-eight per cent. *The negro is not dying out.*

It is said that one million negroes were voters before they could read. They have now one million and two hundred thousand (1,200,000) votes. These people have all been in the general atmosphere of the Gospel, and have had free access to every church in the South generally; yet from peculiar circumstances they require peculiar treatment and fresh efforts to win them to Jesus. Their general condition has improved.

Many have acquired property and a good education. In Georgia they own one-fifth in acreage of the improved lands, and pay a considerable tax. In North Carolina and Virginia I know of some negroes who are large property-owners, and some who are fine scholars and able speakers. They have strong religious aptitudes and tendencies and a valuable power of organization and religious coherence and effort.

Yet their interests and those of the whites are not practically the same in community, government or church. Among them is naturally still, as a race, a lamentable lack of property, education, morality and refinement, which, united to their steady and unreasoning political antagonism to the whites, fosters and hardens the utter uncongeniality of race. As a body they are not controlled by reason, or high moral principle, or large and liberal views, or sentiments of gratitude. Yet one of their most cultivated men, Rev. D. J. Sanders, of Wilmington, North Carolina, says that the negroes have informed the carpet-bagger and the bull-dozer alike that their services are no longer needed, and the thinking men of the colored race have come to the conclusion that their race, in order to reach eminence and happiness in this country, must proceed along that line of gradual progress pursued by other races and overcome the obstacles to human advancement in the ordinary way (*South Atlantic*, March, 1880, p. 196). So we may not, as some, paint the condition of the freedmen with a brush dipped in noonday light, nor with a pencil of midnight. But doubtless an aurora has broken on millions who were shrouded in great gloom, and a day of more or less brilliance will certainly mark their developing energies. A race whose boys will walk two hundred miles to be present on the first day at their school, or who will take a pig—the entire property—under the arm and start for college, means business, and is not to be despised

These negroes have not money to establish and sustain institutions of learning or churches. Neither have they among themselves competent instructors or preachers. Their poverty, ignorance or superstition, cry aloud for prompt and efficient help. Philanthropy and Christianity and the self-interest and safety of the white population demand liberal and wise aid. A variety of vexing questions call for wise adjustment. The harmonious inter-relations of the races are subject to great friction and strain just now, and must be calmly regulated by methods which will cause no forced humiliation of the whites, nor any galling degradation and inferiority of the blacks. This can be effected only through the aid of the Holy Spirit upon our efforts to educate upwards in all healthy learning and skill, and to remove all hurtful ignorance, the fruitful source of all evil.

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Without doubt by far the largest work for their elevation and full establishment on sound Christian principles must be done by the white race. Rev. Mr. Sanders, already referred to, states that "the great majority of the ministers in their churches are disqualified from elevating the people on account of mental and moral imbecility. The preacher excites the emotions and winks at the immoralities of the people, but does not teach the elevating truths of the Gospel. Hence the masses of the church members cannot stand a sharp moral test yet. Witness prohibition. There are exceptions among these preachers, but such have been trained in Presbyterian schools for the most part."

Now prejudices existing with both races, and glittering enchantment of distant claims hinder this home work. But duty nearest us ought generally to enlist warmest sympathies. "Beginning at Jerusalem" was the favorite plan of the early Church, under the fresh inspiration of the risen Redeemer. Our plain duty is to preach the Gospel to the negro and former slave. They are here not by our seeking, but in the good providence of God and through the agency of others, whose posterity build their sepulchres and shout their praises, but cry unjustly and shamefully against us. Yet the responsibility rests on us to help them. All efforts to escape are sinful. And the body of our Church sincerely desires to do what is right in this whole matter. They wish to know what is best for both white and colored.

FORCES IN THE FIELD.

What, then, are the forces in this field? I will not attempt a detailed enumeration. But millions of money, and hundreds of teachers, and scores of expensive buildings have been given by the North and the South to the work of education and preaching the Gospel among the freedmen since the close of the late war.

The American Missionary Association has invested $4,000,000 in buildings in their Southern work, and spent for the year ending September, 1881, $344,000.

The Methodists, Baptists and Presbyterians North spend annually about $70,000 to $80,000. The Methodist Episcopal Church has six chartered institutions, three Theological Seminaries, one Medical College and ten other schools in eleven of the most populous Southern States, with 80 teachers and 2,400 pupils, and embraces 125,000 members.

The American Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, of which Bishop Hood, and Rev. J. C. Price, of Newbern, are prominent representatives, has seven bishops and claims 300,000 members, of whom 25,000 are in North Carolina.

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The Colored Methodist Church in America, with two or three Bishops, controls 50,000 communicants.

The American Methodist Episcopal Church, an independent organization, with nine Bishops and 8,000 local and traveling preachers, has a membership of 400,000. Wilberforce University, Xenia, Ohio, is their only College, and the *Christian Recorder*, of Philadelphia, is their weekly organ.

The Colored Baptists—under various names—are numerous, being estimated at 800,000, of whom 85,000 are located in North Carolina.

The Roman Catholics have established centers of influence in Washington, D. C., Baltimore and New Orleans. In Louisiana and Maryland they have a number of churches and members and schools. In Washington they have a church building that cost $100,000. They are said to have several colored men in training for the priesthood; but this Church has not yet any large lodgment among the negroes. Neither have the Episcopal or Presbyterian Churches attained to a large following.

The Presbyterian Church North is, however, doing a good work, and laying a broad foundation for the future. The Synod of the Atlantic embraces six Presbyteries, with the majority of their members colored; Yadkin Presbytery, covering mainly Orange Presbytery, consisted of 21 ministers, 2,603 members and 2,264 scholars in May, 1881. Biddle University, for males, and Scotia Seminary, for females, are valuable and growing institutions in this State. Lincoln University, in Pennsylvania, and the Theological Department in Harvard University, in which Rev. A. W. Pitzer, D. D., of Washington City, and of our Southern Church, is one of the Professors, afford exceptional facilities for high culture.

WHAT IS THE SOUTHERN CHURCH DOING?

Our Church has always been deeply interested as to the spiritual well-being of the colored race. As soon as the war closed and emancipation was the law of the land, we addressed ourselves to the work of preaching the Gospel among the freedmen. In 1864 and 1866 colored exhorters were authorized. In 1865 a committee was appointed, with Rev. J. L. Girardeau as chairman, to prepare a plan for this work, and in 1869 was adopted a scheme of partial organization by union of colored members with white churches, and representation by white elders in *upper* Church courts. In 1874 this plan was superseded by that adopted at Columbus, Mississippi, for organizing a separate African

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Church and raising a Colored Evangelistic Fund. It was proposed, under this scheme and by action in 1881, to organize colored churches, to be held under charge of the Presbyteries, but without representation, and as soon as three colored ministers were ordained, to set them off as an African Presbytery. In 1876 Tuskaloosa Colored Theological Seminary was established, and in 1879 a day for an annual collection for it was assigned. The first year of the Institute there were six students, of whom two were Presbyterians. The sixth and last year, ending April, 1882, there were twenty-two students, of whom eleven, or one-half were Presbyterians. A neat and commodious building, containing three rooms, has been erected for the Institute and paid for. The Treasurer's report for 1882 shows the receipt of $3,678. For the Evangelistic Fund there was expended $1,507 for twelve laborers in nine Presbyteries. In 1881 there were 25 colored churches, with 16 ministers. Few Presbyteries reported to the last General Assembly at all upon the religious instruction of the colored people. Those which have reported, according to the Assembly's statement (Minutes p. 579, 1882), with a "few exceptions, indicate that this cause has not fully enlisted the sympathies of the churches, and is not receiving the attention which its importance deserves. It is a ground for encouragement and gratitude, however, that there are some evidences of a growing interest in the cause." Evidently our success has been limited and the work embarrassed by serious difficulties and unsatisfactory plans.

Our last General Assembly also decided in the case of Rev. Samuel Park (colored), from the Presbytery of Memphis, that a colored man, when fully ordained to the Gospel ministry, had all the standing and rights of any member of Presbytery, and was in full ministerial connection with the ordaining Presbytery.

Now, in all the work heretofore done among the negroes, they have largely stood as independent Churches in all their branches. Where there have been ecclesiastical associations or fellowship here at the South they have been in a large degree adjusted on the color line. And Mr. Sanders, of the Northern Presbyterian Church, says "that while the colored Presbyterian Churches do not desire a separate organization, they would not hesitate to effect one should their present relation be rendered in anywise uncomfortable. Independent colored churches have reached a questionable success, because,

(1.) "More than half their church property has been donated to them, and that, for the most part, by Southern whites.

(2.) "The minister is poorly provided for. He gets his support 'by the sleight of hand,' and not by direct intelligent methods.

(3.) "These Churches do almost nothing for education. But for the educational work of other denominations the masses of our people, both in and out of these independent colored churches, would go back into heathenism."

Another reason looking to the serious deficiency in the qualification of the ministers I quoted earlier.

CONCLUSION.

With these facts before us, from considerable correspondence and interchange of views with my brethren in various sections of our Southern Church, and experience and conference with the colored people, I have arrived at this decided and clear conclusion :

It is entirely impossible to accomplish any large work for Christ among the freedmen as long as we deny their Churches and their ordained ministers full, fair and equal representation and rights in our Church Courts with our white churches.

1. We recognize the validity of this principle in our civil and political affairs.

2. We acknowledge it in all our work in foreign lands.

3. Nothing in the Constitution of our Church justifies the denial.

4. No evil will result to the white churches by the admission of colored representatives in Ecclesiastical Courts, nor will the early organization of an African Presbyterian Church be hindered, but it will rather be hastened.

In confirmation of this point I could quote emphatic sentences from letters received from Rev. H. G. Hill, D. D., of Fayetteville, North Carolina; Rev. Joseph B. Stratton, D. D., of Natchez, Mississippi; Rev. John Atkinson, D. D., of Hampden Sidney College, Virginia; and Rev. Joseph L. Martin, of Abbeville, South Carolina.

5. Our true policy seems to be to organize churches with this ecclesiastical representation in our Courts, but with the plan ahead to set these churches off as an African Presbyterian Church, with their own appropriate series of Church Courts.

As a class, negro preachers are rapidly improving. The pulpit is the greatest power over the freedmen. It is above the school in its present influence. But as yet the negro must be constantly helped and guided by the white churches. He must be *helped*, not *carried*. He must not be crippled by giving, nor destroyed by withholding. Race affiliations and race instincts will eventually rule and establish the separate churches. Oil and water under constant agitation can be *mixed*, but they cannot be *united*. This was true with regard to this Church work.

Difficulties and hardships do indeed beset our way. But faith in God's truth, devotion to manifest duty, and love for dying souls, will gird us with strength and crown us with victorious progress. God will light up the darksome way. According to His eternal and wise plan of working out the great and perplexing race problems in the world's past history He will surely evolve from present embarrassment, prejudices, hostilities and superstitions, that perfect and shining creation of His own unmeasured grace—a healthful, working, glorious Church of African Christians.

G.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF SYNOD.

GREENSBORO', GUILFORD COUNTY, N. C., September 26, 1882.

REPORT OF TREASURER FROM NOVEMBER 1ST, 1881, TO THIS DATE:

Receipts:

Balance in Treasury at last report	$122 33
Fayetteville Presbytery—Balance in full to Synod, 1881	40 00
Mecklenburg " — " " " "	126 00
Concord " —Assessment for 1880 and 1881	75 00
Orange " — " " 1882	75 00
Total	$438 33

Disbursements:

Paid Rev. Wm. S. Lacy, Stated Clerk, Salary and Accounts from Synod 1880 to Synod 1881	$ 82 67
Printing, Binding and Mailing the Minutes of 1881	128 71
Paid for Synodical Archive Chest	10 81
Balance on hand to-day	216 14
Total	$438 33

The increased assessments of the last Synod give the sum of $245. This is now due for 1882, and is being paid by the Presbyteries. Every Presbytery has paid up in full all past dues.

Add balance to come in for this year ($170) to the amount now in the Treasury ($216.14), and we have $386.14. There are only three demands to come against the Synod—balance due Union Seminary (172.25), salary and account of the Stated Clerk for last year (say $82), and printing the Minutes of the present session of Synod (say 128)—in all $382.25—or about that.

So the Synod will see, when the assessments for 1882 are paid in, we shall be in funds to relieve the Synod from any obligation.

Respectfully submitted,

JESSE H. LINDSAY,
Treasurer of Synod.

H.

SPECIAL REPORT OF SYNODICAL COMMITTEE ON PLANS TO PROMOTE SABBATH-SCHOOL WORK.

To the venerable Synod of North Carolina, convened in Asheville, North Carolina, September 27th, 1882:

At your last Session in Salisbury the following resolution was adopted:

"That the Synodical Agent of Sabbath-Schools, with the Presbyterial Sabbath School Agents, or the Chairmen of the Presbyterial Committees, be appointed a Committee to prepare for the consideration of Synod, at its next Session, some definite and practical subjects or plans, touching Sabbath-School work, that greater interest and efficiency may be secured in this important department of the Church's labor. Notice of these propositions shall be published by the Committee for general information, some time before the meeting of Synod."

Synodical Committee on Sabbath-School Work.

In obedience to this injunction, and by the courtesy of the editor of the NORTH CAROLINA PRESBYTERIAN, we published in that journal, on September 6th, the following proposition, viz:

That Synod devote at least half a day and one evening to this subject; and that, resolving themselves into a Committee of the Whole, they consider:

I. Qualified teachers, the great want of our Sabbath-Schools. How shall we prepare them?

II. How to prepare and teach the Bible Lesson.

III. The great rewards vouchsafed to faithful Sunday-School work.

We propose that each topic be introduced by one or two addresses, limited in time, and then be opened for general discussion, in speeches not exceeding ten minutes in length. It has been hoped that, as the subject has been formally before the Synod for a year, and the special points to be handled have been published since September 6th, and everything calculated to benefit our Sunday-School work possesses great importance, many of the members present, and especially of the Ruling Elders, will be ready to participate actively in their consideration.

Your Committee suggest that, in handling the second topic, "How to prepare to teach the Bible Lesson," if the occasion prove propitious, it will be profitable and instructive to exemplify it by using Mark 14: 1-11 (the anointing at Bethany), which is the current lesson for October 1st in the "International Series," and that this be done at an evening session, in the place of regular preaching.

We are glad to state that we have secured the promise of important assistance, on the first and second subjects, from the President of the North Carolina State Sunday-School Association, Rev. C. H. Wiley, D. D., who has given much thought to this whole matter, and has promised us his presence and voice. Several other brethren have also kindly agreed to contribute their aid in awakening new zeal in this aggressive agency of our Church.

I.

REPORT OF THE HISTORICAL COMMITTEE.

Your Committee respectfully report:

That they were appointed under the resolution of the last Synod (Minutes p. 248) to "co-operate with the Presbyterian Historical Society within our bounds, and to be a medium of communication and information."

The Committee at once placed itself in communication with Rev. Dr. Schenck, in Philadelphia, the Secretary of this Society, reporting the appreciation of the Synod of North Carolina of their purposes and aims, and of their generous offer to keep for the body any records or documents of the Courts of our Church.

Nothing further has been done by the Committee, nor do they make any suggestions to the Synod, except to advertise their readiness to aid Sessions and other Courts in the preservation of their papers of historical value, and to call the attention of those interested to the work of the Presbyterian Historical Society.

J.

STATISTICS OF REPORTS OF SYNODICAL AGENTS.

(In Accordance with Rule 26, Standing Rules of Synod.)

I.—SUSTENTATION.

1st. *As to Ministerial Support.*—The Synod has ordained ministers 124; licentiates 8; and churches 227.

It pays in salaries, according to Assembly's Minutes, $62,002.

Concord	pays	$11,636
Fayetteville	"	9,512
Mecklenburg	"	14,717
Orange	"	17,177
Wilmington	"	8,960
The Synod		$62,002

Reports of Synodical Agents. Sustentation.

The average salary actually paid laboring ministers is as follows:

In Concord, with 3,480 communicants and 21 laboring Ministers..... $554

In Fayetteville, with 5,072 communicants and 18 laboring Ministers..... 528

In Mecklenburg, with 4,655 communicants and 23 laboring Ministers..... 639

In Orange, with 3,789 communicants and 25 laboring Ministers..... 687

In Wilmington, with 1,756 communicants and 12 laboring Ministers..... 746

In Synod, with 18,752 communicants and 99 laboring Ministers... 620

In obtaining this average only laboring ministers with charges have been considered.

Thus estimated the average salary paid in the Synod is $66 less than last year. The whole amount paid in salaries shows a decrease as compared with the previous year of $1,152. The average salary promised or paid in the different Presbyteries, according to the estimates of Presbyterial Agents, is as follows:

In Concord $764; Fayetteville $758; Mecklenburg $700; Orange $650, and Wilmington $800.

2d. *As to Sustentation.*—In promoting this cause our Presbyteries sustain to the Assembly's Home Mission Committee the following relations:

Concord does not co-operate with it at all. Fayetteville gives 15 per cent. of its receipts. Mecklenburg does not co-operate. Orange contributes all its funds for this object to the Assembly's treasury, and draws what it needs in its own bounds. Wilmington does the same as to its regular collections.

The contributions to Sustentation and disbursements in the several Presbyteries are as follows:

PRESBYTERIES.	To Cause.	Assembly's Committee.	Received.	Disbursed.
Concord	$ 300	$104	$ 0	$ 0
Fayetteville	334	50	0	200
Mecklenburg	821	96	0	836
Orange	1090	492	292	292
Wilmington	1220	186	212	1,220
The Synod	$3675	$928	$504	$2548

Reports of Synodical Agents. Sustentation.

Balances from previous year enabled some Presbyteries to disburse more than their receipts. In non-co-operating Presbyteries some churches and individuals sent contributions to the Assembly's treasury. In two Presbyteries sums were raised for church erection or improvement that are not included in the regular collections for Sustentation.

The grouping of feeble churches into charges nearly or quite self-sustaining, and the attaching of isolated weak churches to the nearest strong charge for services during the week, if not on Sabbath, are measures adopted in most Presbyteries, and essential to providing all our organizations with the means of grace.

For supplying as many churches as possible, some of our ministers preach to more than one church on the same Sabbath, and if this was more generally and regularly done it would increase the efficiency of our ministry, enlarge their stipends and reduce our vacant churches to a minimum.

By grouping, uniting a feeble church to a stronger charge, and multiplying the labors of settled pastors, the vacant churches in the Synod have been reduced to 36.

Concord has 2; Fayetteville 5; Mecklenburg 9; Orange 16, and Wilmington 4. Some of these are very feeble or defective in organization.

In the Synod, during the year, 12 houses of worship have been begun, completed or repaired.

The providing of manses has also made some progress. Concord now has 10; Mecklenburg 8; Fayetteville 1; Orange 6, and Wilmington 2.

3d. *As to Invalid Fund.*—This fund is raised for disabled ministers and for the families of such as have died. In raising and distributing this fund some of our Presbyteries do not co-operate with the Assembly's Committee. This is to be regretted, as it may cause some strong Presbyteries to fail in aiding their weaker brethren or their helpless families because they do not belong to their own ecclesiastical body.

The contributions and disbursements for this object have been as follows:

Reports of Synodical Agents. Education. Publication.

PRESBYTERIES.	To Cause.	Assembly's Committee.	Received.	Disbursed.
Concord	$ 98	$ 74	$ 0	$185
Fayetteville	173	173	0	0
Mecklenburg	196	18	0	195
Orange	266	266	275	275
Wilmington	340	340	100	100
The Synod	$1068	$871	$375	$756

In the Synod 7 families and 5 individuals have been aided from this fund.

II.—EDUCATION.

The whole number of candidates for the ministry under the care of the several Presbyteries is 14, of which 6 are beneficiaries. Of these candidates Concord Presbytery has one and one beneficiary; Fayetteville Presbytery four and three beneficiaries; Mecklenburg Presbytery four and two beneficiaries; Orange Presbytery six and no beneficiaries; Wilmington Presbytery none.

The whole amount of money raised in the several Presbyteries for this cause is $1,102. Of this amount Concord Presbytery contributed $248; Fayetteville Presbytery about $111; Mecklenburg Presbytery $275; Orange Presbytery $206; Wilmington Presbytery $262.

The amount contributed to the cause of Education during the last Synodical year is less than that contributed during the preceding year; and there are also fewer candidates under our care.

III.—PUBLICATION.

STATISTICAL.

The Presbyteries composing this Synod have, according to their reports to the General Assembly this year, contributed nine hundred and eighteen dollars ($918) to the cause of Publication—a gain of $126 over the collections of last year. Of this amount Concord Presbytery collected $117; Fayetteville Presbytery $217; Mecklenburg Presbytery $224; Orange Presbytery $205; Wilmington Presbytery $155.

The Treasurer of the Assembly's Committee acknowledges receipts for the year ending the 1st of April, as follows:

Reports of Synodical Agents. Publication.

From the Presbytery of Concord	$ 12 30
From the Presbytery of Fayetteville	101 82
From the Presbytery of Mecklenburg	264 21
From the Presbytery of Orange	194 69
From the Presbytery of Wilmington	149 70
Total	$722 72

Last year the amount receipted for was $516.89—so that beside the money retained at home for the work of Colportage, the Synod has this year sent $205.83 over and above last year's contribution to the Treasury at Richmond. This is a decidedly improved exhibit as compared with any of several years past.

The number of delinquent churches, however, is the same with that reported last year, viz: 87 or 38½ per cent. of the whole number. The increase of contributions has come manifestly not from an increase of contributions, but from the improved giving of those who are regular in their contributions. Still the average gift of each one of our members was not quite *five cents.*

The delinquent churches are as follows: Concord Presbytery 11 in a roll of 35; Fayetteville Presbytery 20 in a roll of 51; Mecklenburg Presbytery 22 in a roll of 48; Orange Presbytery 26 in a roll of 62; Wilmington Presbytery 8 in a roll of 31.

COLPORTAGE.

Only two of the Presbyteries, viz: Concord and Fayetteville have had colporteurs employed in their bounds during the past year. Fayetteville Presbytery raised about $110 for this object independently of the collections for the general cause of Publication. Concord Presbytery retains for this purpose the greater part of the amount raised for Publication. Mecklenburg Presbytery retains four-fifths of her collections for home work, but has had no agent in the field for the sale and distribution of books the past year. Nothing is doing at present in the Presbyteries of Orange and Wilmington.

THE GENERAL CAUSE.

The present status of this department of Church work is more hopeful than it has been for years past. It is a special matter for grateful recognition that the debt which so long embarrassed the cause and effectually blocked its beneficent operations has been entirely liquidated.

The Assembly, in response to several overtures from various parts of the Church, has determined to resume anew the control of the pub-

lishing work (which for five years has been executed by contract), and has inaugurated a plan for raising the necessary capital, and at the same time lifting the mortgage on the Publishing House in Richmond.

For the details of this plan the Minutes of the Assembly can be consulted. Suffice it here to say that the plan contemplates the issuance of 4 per cent. bonds (running ten years, but redeemable after five) to the amount of $40,000. Said bonds are to be placed, if possible, wholly among our own people—that is to say, the Church asks of her own children a loan, and not a gift, to that amount, that she may be enabled, without undue loss of time, to make this arm of her benevolent work worthy of its character, its design and the honor of her Christian name.

The Committee at Richmond have, in pursuance of the above plan solicited the subscriptions of our people, but your Agent is unable to say to what extent the plan is meeting with public favor, or what success is attending the placing of the bonds. The expectation of the Assembly evidently is that the whole amount shall be subscribed within the current ecclesiastical year. So that by next Spring the Committee of Publication may enter upon the publishing work with a sufficient capital and the annual saving of an interest amounting to $1,260.

IV.—FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The amount of money contributed for Foreign Missions during the year ending April 1st, 1882, was $7,660, being $886 more than was raised in the year before, and about 40 cents per member in our churches—that is to say :

The last Synodical collection was	$ 58 00
Concord Presbytery raised	2,156 00
Mecklenburg Presbytery raised	1,963 00
Fayetteville Presbytery raised	1,290 00
Orange Presbytery raised	1,198 00
Wilmington Presbytery raised	995 00
Aggregate	$7,660 00

There was progress in all the Presbyteries except Orange, which fell behind $12, and for two years before (1880-'81) this Presbytery reported the same amount, viz: $1,210, and this last report shows a small decrease. The greatest increase was in Concord Presbytery, which raised its amount from $1,438 (reported from last year) to $2,156, being an increase of $718. There were 227 churches reported by the Synod a year ago; 187 of them contributed, and 40 are not reported as having for-

warded anything to the Committee in charge of the cause of Foreign Missions.

The largest contributions come from our city churches and wealthy churches, with few exceptions: Wilmington, First church, $517; Greensboro $182; Charlotte, First church, $177; Statesville $150; Davidson College $150. Aggregating the efforts of all the churches, societies, schools, etc., in these several communities, we find:

Wilmington (2 churches) raised	$812 00
Charlotte (2 churches and Female Institute)	627 00
Statesville (1 church and Female Institute)	289 00
Raleigh (2 churches and Female Institute)	213 00
Greensboro	182 00
Salisbury	138 00

The sum raised by the children, reported by Sunday-Schools, was $895, being an increase of $271. This amount was raised by 33 Sunday-Schools. The largest Sunday-School contributions reported were Charlotte, First church Sunday-School, $165; Salisbury Sunday-School $117; Raleigh, First church Sunday-School, $90; Mooresville Sunday-School $89.

Fifty-three Ladies' Aid Societies contributed to this cause: Ladies and girls in Charlotte churches and Institute $381; ladies and girls in Statesville church and Institute $139; ladies in Wilmington churches $184; ladies in Shoe Heel $129. Efforts are in progress in our Synod to raise $1,000, by private contributions of $100 each, to support a mission, to which $50 have been contributed by a lady outside of the Synod. The Assembly urges $100,000 to be raised—an increase of 25 per cent. over the amount raised last year, or $9,500, is about the sum expected from this Synod. For several years it has been our privilege to report an increase in the aggregate contributions to this cause. This is encouraging and hopeful, if our contributions have been in proportion to the increase in our membership and material prosperity. This report, being estimated from the report of the Assembly's Committee to the General Assembly, which closed with the year ending April 1st, 1882, does not measure the influence of last year's drouth and short crops on our contributions.

The Secretary, Dr. Wilson, however, announces that the receipts for the first months of the current year, May and June, the time for annual collections for Foreign Missions were short about $120; but how much *our* people fell short cannot be stated as yet. It is hoped and much to be desired, that our churches have not, and will not, allow

their contributions to decrease. So far as your Agent is informed only one minister from this Synod is in the foreign field, viz: Rev. J. W. Davis, of Concord Presbytery.

V.—SABBATH-SCHOOLS.

From the Presbyterial Sabbath-School reports for 'April 1st' 1882, it appears that in the Synod of North Carolina there are 142 schools, having enrolled 1,244 teachers and 9,254 scholars, with an average attendance of five-sixths of the teachers and seven-tenths of the scholars. This is four schools less than the number last year, but the number of teachers exceeds that of last year by 48, and that of the scholars is advanced by 223; total increase 271. Contributions for their own use amounted to $2,024, and for the benevolent operations of the Church $1,075; total $3,099; which is $145 in excess of the amount raised last year.

Mecklenburg Presbytery sends again a partial and defective report. But the other four Presbyteries report a net increase of 35 teachers and 360 scholars; total 395; and 14 teachers and 198 scholars—212 persons, as received into full membership in the Church. Two "union schools" are reported, but no statistics are given. Last year a considerable decrease occurred in the number of schools, teachers and scholars. But with these exceptions already mentioned of a falling off of four schools this year, there has been general progress made all along the line though not sufficiently large to overtake the loss of 1880-'81. Yet the Presbyteries express encouragement at the present outlook. The Presbytery of Fayetteville held a Sabbath-School Convention of great interest before its fall meeting.

But in the light of these official documents several things are to be deeply regretted.

1. The primary reports are evidently not compiled with sufficient care by the Church sessions. Printed forms should be used and filled up by every church and Presbytery.

2. Many churches fail to send any report. It would seem clear that more than 142 schools should be maintained by our 227 churches.

3. The Holy Word of God is not generally memorized by the children, as it should be.

4. Very few schools contributed to the general benevolent work of the Church and the children do not seem to be trained in systematic giving to the Lord. Only 49 schools from the 142 that reported, and from our 227 churches, contributed at all.

5. It does not appear that our churches are adopting measures to pro-

mote systematic and wise training of teachers in the best methods of study and work.

6. In the Synod of North Carolina are 18,752 communicants and 5,067 baptized non-communicants. From 23,819 and many others, friends and adherents of our Church, and from the floating population contiguous, it is not unreasonable to suppose that many more than 10,500 teachers and scholars could be brought under the influence of the truth in the Sabbath-School.

7. We are thus apparently scarcely alive to the vital importance of the Sabbath-School work, and to the intense zeal and signal progress made in this department of Church enterprise by our zealous and beloved sister churches.

VI.—EVANGELISTIC LABOR.

The Synod of North Carolina has 5 Presbyteries, 227 churches and 18,752 communicants—a net loss during the year of one church and a net gain of 170 members.

CO-OPERATION WITH THE ASSEMBLY'S COMMITTEE.

Of the five Presbyteries three do not co-operate, viz: Orange, Concord and Mecklenburg. Two co-operate, viz: Fayetteville, in part, by giving 15 per cent. of receipts and asking nothing, and Wilmington by co-operating in full.

EVANGELISTS AT WORK.

Orange, for the whole time has 1, for part of their time has 2. *Concord*, for the whole time has none, for part of their time has 2. *Fayetteville*, for the whole time has employed 1 during the past five months, for part of their time has none. *Wilmington*, for the whole time has none, for part of their time has 2. *Mecklenburg*, for the whole time report really 4 (though not so called), for part of their time none.

In the Synod there are 5 Evangelists for all their time and 6 for part of their time—a gain of 2 of the first class and 1 of the second class.

CHURCH EXTENSION BY THE EVANGELISTS OF PRESBYTERIES.

Orange.—Children baptized 12; members added 20; churches organized 2; houses built 2.

Concord.—Children baptized none; members added 11; churches organized none; houses built, 2 under way.

Fayetteville.—Children baptized ——; members added none; churches organized none; houses built 1 under way. Had no Evangelist until five months ago, and thus far his work has been chiefly exploring the field.

Wilmington—Had no Evangelist until the fall meeting of Presbytery, and therefore no report here.

Mecklenburg.—Children baptized, no report; members added, no report; houses built, 2 under way.

FINANCES.

Orange—Reports 62 churches, 42 giving to this cause and 20 not giving; amount reported as collected by the regular way $922; amount raised by other efforts $148; total raised $1,070; gain over last report of $478.

Concord—Reports 35 churches, 27 giving to this cause, 8 not giving; amount collected (regularly) $143; by extra efforts $711; total raised $854; gain over last report $292.

Fayetteville—Reports 51 churches, 37 giving to this cause; 14 not giving; amount collected (regularly) $234; other efforts $49.88; total raised $283.88; gain over last report $58.88.

Wilmington—Reports 31 churches; 23 giving; 8 not giving; amount collected (regularly) $175; other efforts $25; total raised $200; gain over last report $58.

Mecklenburg—Reports 48 churches; 31 giving and 17 not giving; amount collected (regularly) $430.64; by extra effort $651.36; total raised $1,082; gain over last report $397.

SUMMARY.

Of the 227 churches in the Synod 160 have contributed to the Evangelistic Fund and 67 churches have not; two more contributing churches than last report. Over last report all of the Presbyteries have increased their contributions to the cause, viz: Orange, $478; Concord $292; Fayetteville $58.88; Wilmington $58; Mecklenburg $397. Orange making the greatest gain and Wilmington the least. Total amount of increase over last report $1,283.88. Total amount contributed by all Presbyteries in the Synod of North Carolina $3,489.88.

EVANGELIZATION OF THE COLORED PEOPLE.

Orange Presbytery reports one colored licentiate, no colored church. Some preaching done by white ministers and several Sabbath-Schools taught by white teachers. No collections reported for this cause.

Concord Presbytery reports nothing attempted in this direction, as the ground is fully occupied and successfully worked by the Northern Church.

Fayetteville Presbytery reports no colored ministers, two colored churches. Eight churches contributed to the colored Evangelistic

Fund, giving $28.38. Some ministers preach regularly to the colored people.

Wilmington Presbytery reports no colored ministers, no churches, nothing raised. Occasional preaching by white ministers. Field partly occupied by the Northern Assembly.

Mecklenburg Presbytery reports no colored ministers, no churches, no collections for this cause. Occasional preaching and a few Sabbath-Schools. Part of the field now worked by the Northern Assembly.

SUMMARY.

Within the bounds of our Synod there are no colored ordained ministers, but one colored licentiate and but two colored churches ecclesiastically connected with us. Only occasional preaching to colored people by white ministers and only a few Sabbath-Schools conducted by white teachers. Total reported as given in the Synod to Colored Evangelistic work comes from Fayetteville Presbytery and is only $28.38. This comes from the following causes: 1st. Because the field is occupied in part by the Northern Assembly. 2d. We have been cramped as to opportunity and ability. 3d. We have not fully realized our obligations.

K.

STANDING RULES OF SYNOD.

REVISED OCTOBER 16, 1874.

RULE 1.—All excuses for tardiness or absence rendered by members on the floor, or communicated in writing, shall be deemed satisfactory, unless a motion is made and prevails to the contrary.

RULE 2.—It shall be the duty of each member, when providentially prevented from attending the Synod, to address a letter to the Moderator stating reasons for his detention.

RULE 3.—It shall be the duty of the Directors of the Union Theological Seminary, appointed by this Synod, to render their excuse for non-attendance on any meeting of the Board to the Synod; and if any Director shall be absent from any appointed meeting of the Board

without assigning a sufficient excuse, his name shall be dropped from the roll, or his seat in the Board shall be declared vacant.

RULE 4.—The Moderator shall at every meeting appoint a Standing Committee on Leave of Absence, and those members who leave the Synod without permission shall be called to answer for such irregularity at the next meeting, and for this purpose the roll of members shall always be called before the final adjournment.

RULE 5.—The Synod shall call upon Ruling Elders in the same manner as upon its Ministers, for their excuses for tardiness.

RULE 6.—A majority of all the votes given shall be necessary in the election of the officers of the Synod.

RULE 7.—It shall be the duty of the Stated Clerks of the Presbyteries to transmit to the Stated Clerk of the Synod a correct and certified Roll of the Ministers, and another one of the Churches, at least ten days previous to each meeting of the Synod.

RULE 8.—It shall be the duty of the Stated Clerk, whenever necessary, to issue and sign certificates for the return of members and their families on the railroads of the State to their homes.

RULE 9.—It shall be the duty of the Stated Clerk to deposit with the Librarian of the Union Theological Seminary, and also the Librarian of Davidson College, a complete series of the Minutes of the Synod as far as published. The Presbyteries composing this body are requested to do the same with their Minutes when published.

RULE 10.—It shall be the duty of the Stated Clerk to publish in the Appendix to the printed Minutes a list of the Ministers of the Synod, with their postoffices.

RULE 11.—The Stated Clerk shall have printed every year, on the last page of the Minutes, a carefully prepared Docket of the business of the Synod at its next annual meeting.

RULE 12.—It shall be a standing Rule of this Synod to publish the names of the Ruling Elders and Deacons belonging to the Churches under its care, in the Appendix to the Minutes, at least once in every five years. And it is enjoined upon the Stated Clerks of the several Presbyteries to forward to the Stated Clerk of the Synod, when called for, a correct list of the names of the Elders and Deacons, and their postoffices, in the different Churches.

RULE 13.—Agents shall be appointed on each of the following objects of Christian Benevolence, viz: Foreign Missions, Sustentation, Edu-

cation and Publication. And it shall be the duty of these Agents to take into consideration the whole field committed to their supervision, and to present at each meeting of Synod a written report of all that is doing within the bounds of the Synod on the subjects severally assigned to them; and the consideration of these reports shall be a special order at each meeting of Synod.

RULE 14.—The Chairman of the Sustentation Committee in each Presbytery is instructed to furnish the Synodical Agent on this subject such facts and figures as will inform him of what has been done the previous year within their bounds. And this information shall be furnished on or before the second day of the session of Synod, each year.

RULE 15.—The subject of Systematic Benevolence shall be made a standing item on the Docket of Synod, and the Presbyteries shall be called upon to make annual reports of their diligence in this matter.

RULE 16.—An Agent on Sabbath-Schools will be appointed, who shall present annually before the Synod as full a report as possible of the condition and growth and prospects of the Sabbath-School cause. And the Stated Clerks of the Presbyteries are directed to send a copy of the annual reports of the General Assembly on Sabbath-Schools to the Synodical Agent.

RULE 17.—That the Treasurer of Synod be instructed to send annually to the Treasurer of Union Theological Seminary an amount sufficient to pay the traveling expenses of the North Carolina Directors.

RULE 18.—It shall be the duty of the Trustees of the Synod to present annually a full written report of the funds in their hands.

RULE 19.—Presbyteries are required to forward the reports of their Agents of Foreign Missions, Education and Publication to the Synod's Agents, respectively, before the annual meeting.

RULE 20.—The Standing Rules of Synod shall be published annually in the Appendix to the Minutes of Synod. (See Records, October 16, 1874, page 333.)

RULE 21.—The Parliamentary Rules adopted by the General Assembly of 1866, and since that time observed by them, are the Rules for the guidance of this Synod. (See Records, October 14, 1875, page 362.)

RULE 22.—The reports of Presbyteries to the Synod on Systematic Benevolence shall extend from April 1st to April 1st of each year. See Records, October 16, 1875, page 392.)

Standing Rules of Synod.

RULE 23.—The Trustees of Synod shall be elected every four years, beginning with the meeting held in Greensboro, October, 1875. (See Records, October 16, 1875, page 399.)

RULE 24.—A Committee shall be appointed at each annual meeting to whom the statistical reports of the Presbyteries shall be referred. And this Committee shall report to Synod any matter contained in these reports calling for action by this body. (See Records, October 19, 1876, page 414.)

RULE 25.—It shall be the duty of the Stated Clerk, immediately after each Stated Meeting, to write to each absentee and to each Session not represented, and to inform them that the Synod requires them to report the reason for such absence. (See Records, October 27, 1877, page 44.)

RULE 26.—That the Stated Clerk of Synod be directed to publish in the Appendix to the Minutes the statistics of the annual reports of Synodical Agents, when approved by Synod, and furnish the extended reports, when approved, to the editor of the NORTH CAROLINA PRESBYTERIAN, with a request to publish. (See Records, October 26, 1876, page 102.)

RULE 27.—That the Synod will hold a Missionary Meeting on Friday night of each Session; that the Agent, in addition to reading his report, be directed to secure addresses on the subject, and that a collection shall, in connection with these services, be taken up for this cause. (See Records, October 26, 1878, page 103.)

RULE 28.—That Synod hereby appoint a Synodical Agent of Evangelistic Labor, to consider and report annually on white and colored Evangelization in its bounds. (See Records, October 24, 1879, page 141.)

RULE 29.—That the Stated Clerk, the Pastor of the Church in which the Synod holds its annual session, and the Delegate of the Session of said Church be constituted a Committee of Enrollment, who shall, at a convenient hour before the opening of the Synod, prepare the Roll of the Synod after the manner of the preparation of the Roll of the Assembly. And to this Committee of Enrollment shall each member report for enrollment upon appearing at Synod. (See Records, October 25, 1879, page 166.) Amended November 5th, 1881. See Records, page 274.)

RULE 30.—That all excuses of absentees and for tardiness be referred

to the Committee on Leave of Absence. (See Records, November 13, 1880, page 195.)

RULE 31.—That Orders of the Day, allowing ample time for full discussion by the Synod, be taken for each of the causes of the Church represented by Synodical Agents. (See Records, November 3, 1881, page 231.)

RULE 32.—That the reports of the Presbyteries to the Synod on Systematic Beneficence be referred to a Standing Committee on Systematic Beneficence, who shall tabulate the same and report to the Synod, recommending any action called for on the subject. (See Records November 5, 1881, page 274.)

RULE 33.—That at each meeting of the Synod a Standing Committee on the Synodical Records be appointed to examine the same and report thereon. (See Records, November, 1881, page 274.)

RULE 34.—That hereafter, in connection with the Report of the Agent of Evangelistic Labor, the Synod hear verbal reports from Presbyterial Agents and Evangelists. (See Records, September 30, 1882, page 321.)

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GENERAL DIRECTORY.

Moderators.	*Place of Meeting.*
1813. *Rev. Robert H. Chapman	Alamance Church.
1814. *Rev. Samuel C. Caldwell	Thyatira Church.
1815. *Rev. William McPheeters	Fayetteville.
1816. *Rev. John Robinson	Raleigh.
1817. No meeting—no quorum present	Rocky River.
1818. *Rev. Joseph Caldwell, D. D.	Fayetteville.
1819. *Rev. Jonathan Otis Freeman, D. D.	Raleigh.
1820. *Rev. William Paisley	Poplar Tent.
1821. *Rev. John M. Wilson	Salisbury.
1822. *Rev. John Robinson	Hillsborough.

*Deceased.

[Moderators of Synod of North Carolina.

1823. *Rev. John Witherspoon.....Fayetteville.
1824 *Rev. Colin McIver.....Statesville.
1825. *Rev. John B. Davis.....Greensborough.
1826. *Rev. William McPheeters, D. D...Fayetteville.
1827. Rev. R. H. Morrison, D. D.....Salisbury.

The Stated Clerk has no record of this and the two succeeding meetings.

1828. *Rev. Lemuel D. Hatch.....Raleigh.
1829. *Rev. John Williamson.....Fayetteville.
1830. *Rev. Samuel L.Graham .....Hopewell.
1831. *Rev. Hiram P. Goodrich.....Hillsborough.
1832. Rev. Samuel Williamson.....Salisbury.
1833. *Rev Henry A. Rowland.....Wilmington.
1834. *Rev. James W. Douglas.....Oxford.
1835. *Rev. Henry N. Pharr.....Salisbury.
1836. *Rev. Joseph Brown.....Fayetteville.
1837. *Rev. N. H. Harding.....Shiloh.
1838. *Rev. Stephen Frontis..... .....Third Creek Church.
1839. *Rev. Daniel A. Penick.....Lincolnton.
1840. *Rev. Alexander Wilson, D. D.....Danville, Virginia.
1841. *Rev. William N. Peacock.....Fayetteville.
1842. *Rev. Walter S. Pharr.....Poplar Tent.
1843. *Rev. James Phillips.....Raleigh.
1844. *Rev. Simeon Colton.....Fayetteville.
1845. Rev. Samuel Williamson.....Charlotte.
1846. Rev. Drury Lacy.....Greensborough.
1847. Rev. Evander McNair.....Fayetteville.
1848. *Rev. Cyrus Johnston.....Salisbury.
1849. *Rev. John A. Gretter.....Hillsborough.
1850. *Rev. Adam Gilchrist.....Centre.
1851. *Rev. Archibald Baker.....Rocky River.
1852. *Rev. William N. Mebane.....Danville, Virginia
1853. Rev. Hector McLean.....Wilmington.
1854. *Rev. A. L. Watts.....Concord.
1855. *Rev. Eli W. Caruthers, D. D.....Greensborough.
1856. Rev. Neill McKay.....Fayetteville.
1857. Rev. Walter W. Pharr.....Charlotte.
1858. *Rev. Jacob Doll.....Newbern.
1859. *Rev. F. K. Nash.....Wilmington.

*Deceased.

Officers and Appointees of Synod.

1860. *Rev. R. H. Lafferty.....Statesville.
1861. *Rev. Edward Hines.....Raleigh.
1862. *Rev. John M. Sherwood.....Goldsborough.
1863. *Rev. R. N. Davis.....Salisbury.
1864. *Rev. A. G. Hughes.....Greensborough.
1865. Rev. Colin Shaw.....Fayetteville.
1866. Rev. R. Hett Chapman, D. D.....Charlotte.
1867. Rev. Archibald Currie.....Newbern.
1868. Rev. D. D. McBryde.....Wilmington.
1869. *Rev. Jesse Rankin.....Morganton.
1870. *Rev. S. A. Stanfield.....Raleigh.
1871. Rev. J. P. McPherson.....Fayetteville.
1872. Rev. Arnold W. Miller, D. D.....Charlotte.
1873. Rev. James M. Sprunt.....Wilmington.
1874. Rev. J. Rumple.....Concord.
1875. Rev. P. H. Dalton.....Greensborough.
1876. Rev. Martin McQueen.....Fayetteville.
1877. *Rev. John Douglas.....Charlotte.
1878. Rev. Joseph R. Wilson, D. D.....Goldsborough.
1879. Rev. E. F. Rockwell.....Statesville.
1880. Rev. J. Henry Smith, D. D.....Raleigh.
1881. Rev. H. G. Hill, D. D.....Salisbury.
1882. Rev. L. McKinnon.....Asheville.

*Deceased.

STATED CLERKS OF THE SYNOD OF NORTH CAROLINA.

1813. *Rev. Robert H. Chapman.
1818. *Rev. Colin McIver.
1849. Rev. Drury Lacy.
1855. *Rev. Archibald Baker.
1859. *Rev. Jacob Doll.
1878. Rev. William S. Lacy.

UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY—MEMBERS OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS FROM THE SYNOD OF NORTH CAROLINA.

FIRST CLASS—TO SERVE FOUR YEARS.

Rev. J. Rumple, D. D.,
Rev. B. F. Marable.

Mr. R. I. McDowell, Ruling Elder;
to go out in 1886.

Officers and Appointees of Synod.

SECOND CLASS—TO SERVE THREE YEARS.

Rev. F. H. Johnston,
Rev. Joseph M. Atkinson, D. D.
Mr. Alexander Sprunt, Ruling Elder; to go out in 1885.

THIRD CLASS—TO SERVE TWO YEARS.

Rev. J. H. Smith, D. D.,
Rev. H. G. Hill, D. D.
Dr. E. Nye Hutchison, Ruling Elder; to go out in 1884.

FOURTH CLASS—TO SERVE ONE YEAR.

Rev. Walter W. Pharr, D. D.,
Rev. Wm. S. Lacy,
Mr. W. Murdoch, Ruling Elder; to go out in 1883.

AGENTS OF SYNOD.

Rev. R. Z. Johnston.....Agent of Foreign Missions.
Rev. H. G. Hill, D. D.....Agent of Sustentation.
Rev. L. McKinnon.....Agent of Education.
Rev. F. H. Johnston.....Agent of Publication.
Rev. L. C. Vass.....Agent of Sabbath-Schools.
Rev. C. M. Payne.....Agent of Evangelistic Labor.

TREASURER OF SYNOD.

Mr. Jesse H. Lindsay.....Greensborough.

TRUSTEES OF SYNOD—TO SERVE FOUR YEARS.

Colonel John E. Brown, *Chairman*.....Charlotte.
Colonel J. B. Rankin.....Charlotte.
Mr. J. L. Brown.....Charlotte.
Mr. R. I. McDowell.....Charlotte.
Mr. J. H. Welbourne.....Lexington.
Mr. D. F. Cannon.....Concord.

To go out in 1883.

SYNODICAL HISTORICAL COMMITTEE.

(To co operate with the Presbyterian Historical Society.)

Rev. Wm. S. Lacy, *Chairman, ex-officio*..Jonesborough.
Rev. E. F. Rockwell.....Cool Spring.
Rev. L. C. Vass.....Newbern.

STATED CLERKS OF PRESBYTERIES.

Orange—Rev. F. H. Johnston.....Winston.
Concord—Rev. Wm. W. Pharr.....Mount Mourne.
Fayetteville—Rev. J. P. McPherson.....Fayetteville.
Wilmington—Rev. J. M. Sprunt, D. D....Kenansville.
Mecklenburg—Rev. R. Z. Johnston.....Lincolnton.

ROLL OF MINISTERS IN THE SYNOD OF NORTH CAROLINA.

I.—ORANGE PRESBYTERY.

Ministers.	*Post Office.*
1. Robert Burwell, D. D.	Raleigh.
2. George W. Ferrill	Tally Ho.
3. Drury Lacy, D. D.	Jonesborough.
4. A. Currie	Caldwell Institute.
5. Thomas U. Faucette	Milton.
6. Joseph M. Atkinson, D. D.	Raleigh.
7. P. H. Dalton	High Point.
8. J. Henry Smith, D. D.	Greensborough.
9. F. H. Johnston	Winston.
10. D. E. Jordan	Winnsborough, S. C.
11. James C. Alexander	Greensborough.
12. C. N. Morrow	Mebaneville.
13. Charles Phillips, D. D.	Chapel Hill.
14. C. H. Wiley, D. D.	Winston.
15. William B. Tidball	Greensborough.
16. L. C. Vass	Newbern.
17. John W. Primrose	Oxford.
18. H. T. Darnall	Durham.
19. T. J. Allison	Mebaneville.
20. James L. Currie,	Chapel Hill.
21. Samuel M. Smith	Washington.
22. P. R. Law	Pittsborough.
23. John S. Watkins	Raleigh.
24. D. Irvin Craig	Reidsville.
25. A. M. Watson	Lexington.

Roll of Ministers. Concord.

Ministers.	*Post Office.*
26. George Summey	Graham.
27. R. A. Wailes	Tarborough.
28. S. L. Wilson	Littleton.
29. J. L. Williamson	Hillsborough.
30. L. H. Baldwin	Norfolk, Va.

II.—CONCORD PRESBYTERY.

Ministers.	*Post Office.*
1. T. P. Johnston	Park Spring, Danville, Va.
2. E. F. Rockwell, D. D	Cool Spring, N. C.
3. T. N. Paxton	Marion.
4. P. T. Penick	Mooresville.
5. B. L. Beall	Lenoir.
6. A. L. Crawford	Mocksville.
7. W. A. Wood, D. D	Statesville.
8. J. Rumple, D. D	Salisbury.
9. Wm. W. Pharr	Mount Mourne.
10. A. D. Hepburn, D. D	Davidson College.
11. T. G. Thurston	Taylorsville.
12. R. B. Anderson, D. D	Morganton.
13. J. M. Wharey	Harrisburg.
14. L. McKinnon	Concord.
15. L. K. Glasgow	Davidson College.
16. John W. Davis	Soochow, China.
17. J. H. Thornwell	Fort Mills, S. C.
18. R. W. Boyd	Wood Leaf.
19. P. P. Winn	Statesville.
20. J. A. Ramsay	Mill Bridge.
21. E. P. Harrell	Mooresville.
22. J. N. H. Summerell	Concord.
23. W. B. Arrowood	Norwood.

Roll of Ministers. Fayetteville. Wilmington.

III.—FAYETTEVILLE PRESBYTERY.

Ministers.	*Post Office.*
1. Hector McLean	Melrose.
2. Evander McNair, D. D	Red Banks.
3. James P. McPherson	Fayetteville.
4. Neill McKay, D. D	Summerville.
5. George M. Gibbs	Fayetteville.
6. Andrew McMillan	Laurel Hill Depot.
7. S. C. Alexander	Wadesborough.
8. D. D. McBryde	Little River Academy.
9. Martin McQueen	Carthage.
10. James McQueen	Swann's Station.
11. N. T. Bowden	Little's Mills.
12. Joseph Evans	St. Paul's.
13. Archibald McQueen	Montpelier.
14. John H. Coble	Laurinburgh.
15. H. G. Hill, D. D	Fayetteville.
16. David Fairley	Manchester.
17. A. N. Ferguson	Laurinburgh.
18. K. M. McIntyre	Butler's Ford.
19. William S. Lacy	Jonesborough.
20. Roger Martin	Shoe Heel.
21. Daniel A. McRae	Melrose.

IV.—WILMINGTON PRESBYTERY.

Ministers.	*Post Office.*
1. Duncan B. Black	Burgaw.
2. Colin Shaw	Gravelly Hill.
3. James M. Sprunt, D. D	Kenansville.
4. B. F. Marable	Mount Olive.
5. S. H. Isler	Goldsborough.
6. James Kelly	Clarkton.
7. A. McFadyen	Elizabethtown.
8. A. Kirkland	Teachey's.
9. Joseph R. Wilson, D. D	Wilmington.

Roll of Ministers. Mecklenburg.

	Ministers.	*Post Office.*
10.	C. M. Payne	Wilmington.
11.	G. W. McMillan	Burgaw.
12.	K. McDonald	Jericho.
13.	Robert Hett Chapman, D. D	Goldsborough.
14.	J. S. Black	Burgaw.
15.	R. B. McAlpine	Columbus, Mississippi.

V.—MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY.

	Ministers.	*Post Office.*
1.	Robert H. Morrison, D. D	Lowesville.
2.	James E. Morrison	Morven.
3.	James D. Hall	Garibaldi.
4.	William N. Morrison	Asheville.
5.	William Graves	Mills River.
6.	L. R. McAboy	Lynn.
7.	Walter W. Pharr, D. D	Alexandriana.
8.	A. W. Miller, D. D	Charlotte.
9.	D. T. Towles	Crab Tree.
10.	G. D. Parks	Charlotte.
11.	S. Taylor Martin	Mills River.
12.	E. H. Harding, D. D	Augusta, Kentucky.
13.	R. Z. Johnston	Lincolnton.
14.	William A. McDonald	Charlotte.
15.	John J. Kennedy	Gastonia.
16.	William H. Davis	Brevard.
17.	William E. McIlwaine	Huntersville.
18.	S. H. Chester	Lowesville.
19.	G. S. Robinson	Pineville.
20.	J. F. Latimer	Davidson College.
21.	R. A. Miller	Monroe.
22.	W. M. McGilvary	Rutherfordton.
23.	J. P. Gammon	Asheville.
24.	G. L. Cook	Charlotte.
25.	M. R. Kirkpatrick	Franklin.
26.	W. R. Atkinson	Charlotte.
27.	D. P. Robinson	Charlotte.
28.	J. L. Williams	Wadesborough.
29.	N. M. Woods	Charlotte.
30.	F. L. Leeper	Huntersville.

DAILY ORDER OF BUSINESS.

[From 22d Rule of the Rules of Parliamentary Order, Approved by the Synod—See Standing Rule 21.]

1. Prayer.
2. Minutes read.
3. Presentation of Papers:
   a. Communications addressed to the body;
   b. Reports of Standing Committees;
   c. Reports of Select Committees;
   d. Resolutions.

[Each of which papers may, by unanimous consent, be taken up immediately on presentation, but if objection be made, it shall be docketed.]

4. The Unfinished Business in which the Court was engaged at the last preceding adjournment in preference to the Orders of the Day.

[But such Unfinished Business may, on motion, without debate, be laid on the table, to proceed with the Special Order.]

5. The Order of the Day.
6. Regular Docket.

[Motions to elect officers, to appoint committees and to enroll members shall always be in order, unless a member is speaking or the Court is voting.]

[*Note.*—If the Unfinished Business be laid on the table in order to proceed with the Order of the Day, when the Order has been disposed of such Unfinished Business has precedence of the Regular Docket.]

DOCKET.

OF THE SEVENTIETH SESSION OF THE SYNOD OF NORTH CAROLINA, TO BE HELD IN THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, WILMINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA, ON WEDNESDAY, THE 14TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1883, AT 7½ O'CLOCK P. M.

I. Prayer.

II. Report of Committee of Enrollment.

III. Moderator chosen.

IV. Temporary Clerks chosen.

V. Minutes of the last meeting of Synod read.

VI. Standing Committees announced:

1. Bills and Overtures.
2. Judicial Committtee.
3. Address to the Churches on the State of Religion.
4. Systematic Beneficence. (Rule 32.)
5. Minutes of the General Assembly.
6. Union Theological Seminary.
7. Treasurer's Books.
8. Report of the Trustees of Synod.
9. Devotional Exercises.
10. Statistical Reports of the Presbyteries. (Rule 24.)
11. Synodical Records. (Rule 33.)
12. Leave of Absence.

VII. Committees to review Records of Presbyteries announced:

1. Orange.
2. Concord.
3. Fayetteville.
4. Wilmington.
5. Mecklenburg.

Docket.

VIII. Excuses for absence from last meeting of Synod referred: (Rule 30.)

IX. Statistical Reports of the Presbyteries referred: (Rule 24.)

1. Orange.
2. Concord.
3. Fayetteville.
4. Wilmington.
5. Mecklenburg.

X. Narratives of the State of Religion referred:

1. Orange.
2. Concord.
3. Fayetteville.
4. Wilmington.
5. Mecklenburg.

XI. Reports of the Presbyteries on Systematic Benevolence referred:

1. Orange.
2. Concord.
3. Fayetteville.
4. Wilmington.
5. Mecklenburg.

XII. Reports of the Directors of Union Theological Seminary read and referred.

XIII. Appointment of Directors of Union Theological Seminary referred.

[*Note.*—The term of office of the Fourth Class expires at this meeting of the Synod, viz: Rev. W. W. Pharr, D. D., Rev. Wm. S. Lacy and Mr. W. Murdoch, Ruling Elder.]

XIV. Synodical and Presbyterial Records referred:

1. Orange.
2. Concord.
3. Fayetteville
4. Wilmington.
5. Mecklenburg.
6. The Synod.

Docket.

XV. Report of the Trustees of Synod (Col. John E. Brown, Chairman), read and referred.

Note.—[The term of office of the Trustees of the Synod expires at this meeting of the Synod, viz: Col. John E. Brown, Col. John B. Rankin, Mr. John L. Brown, Mr. R. I. McDowell, all of Charlotte; Mr. J. H. Welbourne, of Lexington, and Mr. D. F. Cannon, of Concord.]

XVI. Report of the Treasurer of the Synod (Mr. J. H. Lindsay) read and referred.

XVII. Appointment of Orders of the Day. (Rule 31.)

XVIII. Reports of the Synodical Agents read.

1. Sustentation—Rev. H. G. Hill.
2. Education—Rev. L. McKinnon.
3. Publication—Rev. F. H. Johnston.
4. Foreign Missions—Rev. R. Z. Johnston.
5. Sabbath-Schools—Rev. L. C. Vass.
6. Evangelical Labor—Rev. C. M. Payne.

XIX. Report of Synodical Historical Committee—Rev. William S. Lacy, Chairman.

XX. Special Report ordered by last Meeting of Synod.

Report on the Standing Rules—Rev. W. S. Lacy, Chairman. (Minutes, 1882, page 324.

XXI. Synodical Missionary Meeting, on Friday night, as provided for by Rule 27.

XXII. Time and Place of next Meeting of Synod chosen.

XXIII. How many copies of the Minutes shall be published?

XXIV. Statistical Report of the Synod to the General Assembly adopted.

XXV. Roll called before final adjournment. (Rule 4.)

XXVI. Minutes read and approved.

XXVII. Adjournment, with Singing, Prayer and the Apostolic Benediction.